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LAUNCH AND JUNKS BLOWN UP IN LANTAU MINEFIELD

A launch and two junks which wandered into a minefield north of Lantau Island just before midnight were blown up and sunk last night.

Only meagre details are known, as first intimation of disaster was the explosion, heard from Tai-O, but such information as is available suggests that there were only three, at most four, survivors of the disaster.

These are believed to be members of the crews who escaped injury from the blast of the mine explosion and managed to cling to pieces of wreckage. They were picked out of the water some hours after the explosion by small boats and landed on Lantau Island.

NAVAL STATEMENT

An official statement has been issued by the naval authorities in the following terms:

"A launch and two junks, the owners of which have not yet been ascertained, have been blown up North of Lantau in a prohibited mine area.

"No details of the accident are yet to hand, but the craft were evidently coming from the west, in which case they must have evaded a police launch patrolling the area.

The Hon. Mr. T. H. King, Commissioner of Police, this afternoon said he had received an unconfirmed report of the incident this morning, but no messages of confirmation have yet been received from the Water Police, who are still investigating.

R.A.F. TAKES LOOK AT NAZI AERODROMES

The Air Ministry announced that the Royal Air Force yesterday made extensive reconnaissance of aerodromes in Northern Germany.

In spite of fog, which rendered valuable information, including many photographs, was obtained.—*Reuter*.

WEATHER FORECAST:—North and north-west winds, moderate to fresh, cloudy.

THREE BRITISH SHIPS, one Finnish and one Norwegian have been sunk in the last 24 hours.

Biggest of the British ships was the 8,000-ton Malabar, which was sunk without warning by a U-boat in the Atlantic. The 70 survivors were picked up an hour later and landed at a West of England port yesterday. Five men were trapped in the engine room.

She was bound for America with a general cargo.

The other two were trawlers, one of them being the Lynx, of Grimsby, and the other the St. Nidan, one of the largest and most modern trawlers registered at Hull.

They were sunk in the North Sea and their crews have now been landed in Scotland.

The Norwegian ship, of 3,618 tons, was sunk on Sunday evening.

Her crew of 30 have been landed and three men who were injured were taken to hospital.

No details of her sinking have yet been received.—*Reuter*.

The Malabar, built only last year,

was one of the Anchor-Brookbank fleet, and was registered at Liverpool.

The Lynx, 250 tons gross, was built in 1908; she was owned by Sir T. Robinson & Son (Grimsby) Limited.

FRENCH LOSSES

Paris, To-day.

A communique issued yesterday states that during the first two months of the war, France lost 6 merchant-ships, totalling 41,000 tons. During the same period, she captured 4 German ships, one of which was later scuttled by her crew.

The other three ships, totalling 19,000 tons, are now being used by the French merchant marine.

Since the start of the war, therefore, the communique says, the French losses were 22,000 tons, or about 1 per cent of their total sea-going power.—*Reuter*.

LORD GORT EXPECTING OFFENSIVE

London, To-day.

A British war correspondent with the British Army in France says that it is expecting a more active form of warfare and is preparing for it.

He speaks of the building of ammunition dumps for millions of cartridges of all kinds.

He also speaks of the calmness of the French civilian populations during air-raid warnings in the area behind the line.—*Reuter*.

TROOPS IN CONTACT ON WESTERN FRONT

Paris, To-day.

There was activity by contact units on all parts of the front, says a war communique. There was also activity by French artillery and French chase and reconnaissance aircraft.—*Reuter*.

MILAN PASSENGER TRAINS CRASH

Milan, To-day.

Twenty were killed and many others injured when two passenger trains crashed here last night.—*Reuter*.

IMPORTANT TURKISH SPEECH

Ankara, To-day. The Prime Minister of Turkey, M. Saydam, is to deliver an important speech at the opening of the Turkish Grand National Assembly on Wednesday.

The Assembly's first task will be the ratification of the Anglo-Franco-Turkish pact.—*Reuter*.

INQUIRY INTO LOSS OF NEW MATHILDE

Following is the composition of the Marine Court of Inquiry to be held at the Harbour Office on Thursday morning into the loss of the "New Mathilde".

Commander G. F. Hole, R. N., (Ret'd), Harbour Master.

Lieut. - Commander K. W. Kirby, H. M. Dockyard.

K. D. Lane, Master s. s. "Raby Castle."

D. M. Hood, Master s. s. "Hong Kheng".

E. Walker, Master s. s. "Haitan."

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Paris, Yesterday.

WORKMEN IN PARIS having just completed
the task of moving five miles of art treasures from
the Louvre.

The Great Removal began six days before the
declaration of war, when precautionary measures
were thought essential.

Thousands of paintings, including
the Mona Lisa, the Coronation of
Napoleon, and other famous works,
were first sent to a clearing station
in the centre of France, and from
there distributed to the various stor-
age centres previously arranged.

One of the priceless sculptures
"evacuated" to a secret destination
was the Venus de Milo.

M. Henri Verne, curator of the
Louvre, who on a tour to see the
evacuation of the last masterpieces,
looked sadly round at the empty
galleries.

Names of the displaced pictures
have been chalked on the walls so
that it will be easy to put them back
in their original places when war is
over.

STRIPPED FROM FRAMES

Most of the larger canvases were
stripped from their frames and rolled
for easy transport. It took forty
men to take down the great picture,
Gericault's "The Raft of the
Medusa," measuring 25ft. by 14ft.

The removers worked night and
day as the paintings were despatched
in a fleet of lorries, and carried
on coolly with the work during air-
raid alarms.

With the Louvre closed, art lovers

THE RIGHT SPIRIT

Sir George Reeves-Smith was
speaking at a Savoy lunch of the
necessity of maintaining London's
night life in difficult times.

One of his hearers remarked
sotto voce, "Let our motto be:
'Trust in God and keep your
Martinis dry.'"

are consoling themselves by visiting
the National Museum, which has re-
opened. In the new Trocadero,
built for the 1937 Exhibition, they
can also study the reproductions of
famous sculptured and architectural
treasures in France.—Our Own Cor-
respondent.

HEIL HITLER!

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FINNISH MISSION LEAVING FOR MOSCOW

Helsingfors, To-day.

THE FINNISH DELEGATION leaves for Moscow this evening with the Finnish reply to the latest Soviet demands. Agreement on the reply was reached on Sunday night after a 2-day discussion between Government and party leaders.

The Helsingfors newspapers state that on the last visit of the Finnish delegation to Moscow, a high official of the United States Embassy in Moscow handed M. Passikivi, leader of the delegation, a personal message from President Roosevelt.

In this personal message, President Roosevelt expressed his sympathy and asked to be kept informed of the progress of the talks. — Reuter.

CHUNGSHAN SUFFERINGS

Shekhi, To-day.

A preliminary investigation conducted by the Chungshan District Government reveals that 300 civilians were killed and 93 wounded as a result of the recent Japanese invasion of Chungshan.

Women raped are said to number 1,793.

About 2,700 shops were looted and 2,769 set on fire. Property damage amounted to approximately \$2,600,000. — Central News.

LOYANG HEAVILY BOMBED

Loyang, To-day.

Thirty-seven Japanese planes raided Loyang yesterday in relays. Over 150 high explosive bombs were rained in the western outskirts. Large numbers of houses were destroyed, but the casualties were few. — Central News.

INCIDENT ON SHIP IN HARBOUR

Prompt action by the crew prevented a fire on board the s.s. Borneo Maru, lying at Buoy No. 11, yesterday when a jar of acid was smashed.

One man, Ma Tsik-wing, 22, was however, burned on the left side of the face and left leg. He was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital.

AIR PATROL FOR SHIPS OF THE NEUTRALS

Messages in watertight cartridges dropped from aircraft and a chain of lightships to mark a neutral lane for shipping in the North Sea are among the precautions for protecting their ships and keeping their movements secret, which are being adopted by Norway and Sweden.

Reports show that the authorities of these two countries are determined to safeguard their harbours and ships besides stamping out espionage in shipping circles.

The Swedish Government has established a special flying coastguard service maintained by military aircraft. Regulations have been issued regarding navigation in Swedish waters.

RADIO ORDERS

All vessels equipped with radio receivers designed to pick up messages on the international maritime communication frequency are obliged to tune their sets if any patrol aircraft is sighted when navigating in Swedish territorial waters.

Instructions are given from the patrolling machines but acknowledgment of orders to "heave to" must not be given on the ship's radio.

Watertight cartridges containing written instructions in Swedish, English and German will be dropped by aeroplanes when vessels have no wireless.

Many warships including destroyers, torpedo boats, armed tugs, and trawlers, are being used to escort all ships through Swedish waters. The escort is compulsory.

Norwegian captains of ships over 100 tons are to be circulated with all information regarding shipping danger zones and new regulations for shipping at home and abroad. This will cut out radio messages which might be tapped by unauthorised agents.

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HITLER NOW EMBARKED ON WAR OF "DARK HINTS" ::: BRITAIN AND AMERICA

London, To-day.

THE BRITISH PRESS treats with realism the news that President Roosevelt's neutrality proposals have been adopted by the Senate.

The news is regarded less as an indication of American moral support than an affirmation of the American resolve to stay out of war. The fact that moral support does exist is well-known in Britain.

"The Times" states that watchers on this side of the Atlantic must appreciate that this legislation is being passed solely in the interests of the American people.

FORCES OF EVIL IN GERMANY

London, To-day.

The Archbishop of Canterbury declared yesterday that in Germany the world was confronted with the forces of evil. It was no exaggeration to describe them as Satanic; it was a manifestation of the Anti-Christ. — Reuter.

NORTHERN RHODESIA'S WAR RALLY

London, To-day.

The Governor of Northern Rhodesia, speaking at Broken Hill, described the war response of Northern Rhodesia as "almost embarrassing."

The chief difficulty had been to restrain men who were required for vital work at home from volunteering. — Reuter.

CHIANG IN HUNAN

Chungking, To-day.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek departed yesterday by air for an undisclosed destination.

Later it was learned that he had visited General Pai Chung-hsi, General Chen Cheng, and other military leaders who directed the Changsha counter-offensive.

The conference is said to have been called to discuss plans for further operations in northern Hunan. — Our Own Correspondent.

UNEMPLOYMENT LEAPS IN GERMANY

London, To-day.

Unemployment in Germany has jumped from a few thousand to more than a million, according to neutral observers, who believe that it is due, in part, to the closing of textile and shoe factories.

The former is due to a lack of raw material. — Reuter.

Right through the long controversy, the peace of America has been the issue and the peace of America will be the issue when it goes forward for the discussion in the House of Representatives.

The paper recalls that the mood in which the existing Act was passed was that never again should American blood be shed on foreign battlefields. That mood still dominates.

The "Daily Telegraph" says that the Senate's adoption of the proposals is an affirmation by a decisive majority that the peace of America is threatened by the existing Act.

AN ADVANCE

Devoting its attention to India, the "Manchester Guardian" points out that Sir Samuel Hoare's speech is an advance on the Viceroy's offer and welcomes the indication that it is regarded as such in India.

On this side, the paper declares, the debate on India showed that the renunciation of Imperialism in favour of a voluntary association of free nations is fast becoming a national ideal. It will be a calamity if concrete form cannot be given in India to the great community of views.

"WAR OF DARK HINTS"

The Nazi war of nerves was followed by the "peace offensive," and this has now given way to a "war of dark hints."

This is answered by the "News Chronicle," which says that if talk could win the war, the Nazis would be well on the way to victory.

"But neither talk nor anything else will worry us."

We are well prepared for all contingencies. Besides this, it should be noted that, whatever policy the Nazis decide to adopt, they will not chatter about their plans beforehand. — Reuter.

RUSH TO JOIN ARMY

Glasgow, To-day.

The response to the announcement that volunteers between the ages of 23 and 35 will now be accepted for service with the armed forces has been so great in Glasgow that the two recruiting offices have not been able to cope successfully with them.

In many cases, the men have just had their names taken and have been told to call back later. — Reuter.

A.S.P. TAKES ACTION IN TRAFFIC CASE

MR. F. BUCKLE, OF NO. 23, BLUE POOL ROAD, WAS SUMMONED BEFORE MR. R. A. D. FORREST THIS MORNING, FOR FAILING TO DRAW INTO THE LEFT TO ALLOW A VEHICLE TRAVELLING AT A GREATER SPEED TO OVERTAKE IN QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, AND FOR DRIVING WITHOUT DUE CARE AND CAUTION.

Mr. K. A. Bidmead, Assistant Superintendent of Police, said that at about 10.20 p.m. on October 8, he tried to overtake a slow moving vehicle No. 3854, in front of him. He sounded his horn, and switched on his head lights, but the driver seemed to be turning out to the right side instead of the left. Witness was forced to drive on the wrong side of the road. After passing, he signalled defendant to stop, but he did not seem to understand. He took no notice. He shouted to him to stop and then cautioned defendant.

Defendant, in evidence, said he knew a car was following him, when he saw the lights in his mirror, but he did not hear any horn sounded. He was driving in the middle of the road, near the entrance to the Royal Naval Hospital, owing to the double bend of the road.

Mr. N. J. Bebbington, a passenger in defendant's car, said he saw Mr. Bidmead's car passing but he did not see any signal or hear the horn sounded. He asked Mr. Bidmead why he did not sound his horn if he wanted to pass, and was told that it was not necessary.

Defendant was fined \$10 on the first summons, and the second summons was dismissed.

RUSH FOR WAR HAIR "PERM"

Now for the war-time hair "perm"—a style that looks feminine under a uniform cap and stays "put."

Some West End shops are offering "half-price perms" to National Service Women. The Baby Boy Bob is still favourite. It keeps its place under A.F.S. caps—even if the flaps are pulled down over the head in bad weather.

A bubbly coiffure, with small tight curls all over the head, is best worn with an Army cap, and the very short shingle is guaranteed to keep tidy under the stress of a flying helmet. So Service women all over the country are rushing to have Army cap shingles.

POLICE CHANGES

Chief Inspector F. E. E. Booker, who has been acting Assistant Superintendent of police in the New Territories, has been transferred to Central Police Headquarters as Chief Inspector, Hong Kong.

Chief Inspector J. C. S. Fender has been transferred to the Central Police Station.

ABDUCTED MONK IN NANKING

Chungking, To-day.

The Buddhist monk, Yuan Ying, who was abducted by Japanese agents from the western district of Shanghai on October 19, is reported to have been escorted to Nanking. — Central News.

FISHING TRAWLER SUNK

London, To-day.

Another British trawler, the Lynx, has been sunk. It is believed by enemy gunfire in the North Sea.

The crew of 10 has been landed in Scotland. This is the first loss to the Grimaby fishing fleet during the war. — Reuter.

ARMY CONCERT, NEW STYLE

It was a familiar atmosphere that one sniffed, if a veteran of the Other War, in the theatre of the Victoria Barracks at Windsor, writes a correspondent.

The room was tight-packed with khaki; the temperature high, the air richly thick with tobacco smoke. Above all, there was the old familiar eagerness of the audience, an audience quick to join in a chorus, roaring at a daring joke, and whistling its approval when mere hand-clapping seemed inadequate.

The concert was one of a series which, since the outbreak of war, has been running in London, at Aldershot and elsewhere, and in which the Guards' bands have been associated with solo artists under Harold Holt's management.

SOLOIST CELEBRITIES

Certainly it was a far grander concert than the average of the Other War, what with soloists who were celebrities and Grenadier bandmen conducted by Major George Miller, senior director of music of the Brigade of Guards. But the spirit was the same: it was uproariously hearty.

How versatile are the Grenadier bandmen in these days! The percussion man can take the stage and perform a xylophone solo like a virtuoso. A trombonist can rise in his place in the orchestra and, putting on a false nose, contribute a comic song. And a group of players will take up saxophones and form a Swing Band.

The result of this is music of a sort unknown to the army concerts of the Other War, but very acceptable, it seems, to the present generation of youth in khaki.

"TIPPERARY" STILL

Not that the old songs are discarded. "Tipperary" and "Pack Up Your Troubles" and even South African War songs bring in a hefty chorus. So far, it is not clear that 1939 has produced a new song to take anything like the place of "Tipperary" in history, but "Here We Go Again" and "Hanging up the Washing on the Slegfried Line" met to-night with a very fair measure of success.

In an evening of music more uproarious, on the whole, than insinuating Olive Groves' beautifully refined singing made a contrasted effect appreciated by us all. Probably it is a mistake to plan camp concerts on lines too unrelievedly hearty. George Baker sang robustly, and Billy Lenard's whimsical turn had the effect of tickling the audience to laughter that was good to hear.

SOUTH AFRICA FOR FREEDOM

London, To-day.

In a broadcast to Home listeners of the B. B. C., Colonel Reitz, South African Minister for Native Affairs, last night said that the South Africans would fight side by side with all who wanted to be free. He asserted that there was no pro-German element in South Africa. — Reuter.

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BOMBERS ATTACK DESTROYERS

London, To-day.
The Admiralty announces that two German bombers attacked a destroyer flotilla south of Dogger Bank yesterday morning.
There were no casualties in or damage to the destroyers.
It is not known whether the enemy suffered any damage. — Reuter.

LONDON, KENT, ESSEX, NEWCASTLE AND SCOTLAND GET AIR RAID WARNINGS

London, To-day.
AIR-RAID WARNINGS were sounded yesterday off the East Coast when 'planes were seen off the shore. One 'plane was seen off the south-east coast and another off the north-east coast. In both cases, British fighters went up.
In south-east Kent, where the "all clear" quickly followed the alarm, no 'plane was seen, but it is reported that the sound of engines and of machine-gun fire was heard.

R.A.F. TOURS OF REICH

Berlin, To-day.
The German authorities now admit that the R.A.F. have carried out raids over Germany, according to a Neutral observer.

One example was a flight over Hanover last week. Clouds were so low that the German searchlights could not find them and the R.A.F. machines passed over, unharmed.

In contrast with the activity of the R.A.F., says the same neutral observer, the Nazi Air Force has been kept to the ground by low clouds and incessant rain. — Reuter.

***In connection with the R.A.F. leaflet flights, the comment of the "Christian Science Monitor" is an amusing reflection of American opinion. It states: "Judging from the stories about British propaganda planes, Germany must nowadays look like Broadway when an American hero comes home."

DALADIER RECEIVES BRITISH M.P.S

PARIS, TO-DAY.
M. DALADIER, FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER, YESTERDAY MORNING RECEIVED THE BRITISH MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WHO ARE VISITING PARIS AND THE WESTERN FRONT.

They were given lunch by M. Reynaud, Minister of Finance, and in the afternoon met Deputies and other prominent figures at a tea given by M. Herriot, President of the Chamber of Deputies. — Reuter.

BODY OF GERMAN AIRMAN WASHED UP

London, To-day.
The body of a German airman was washed ashore yesterday on the Norfolk coast. — Reuter.

The alarm was given in Essex about the same time, and people sheltered for a few minutes. In one north-east town, two 'planes were sighted — witnesses declaring that one was a Nazi 'plane followed closely by a British machine in pursuit. Some people say the 'planes were firing at each other.

No air-raid warnings were sounded, but local A.R.P. authorities were cautioned and stood by.

Later, the same 'plane was reported to have appeared over another town. Here, it was flying so low that it narrowly missed some telegraph wires and crashing into the cliffs. It flew off to sea in a northerly direction.

FORTH AGAIN

Warnings were also sounded in the Firth of Forth, being followed by the "all clear" half an hour later.

Shortly after the South-East Coast alarm, air-raid warnings were sounded in certain districts of London, but the "all clear" followed almost immediately. In these areas, the streets were quickly and quietly cleared. — Reuter.

GREAT AIR ACTIVITY ON SAAR FRONT

Luxemburg, To-day.
Great aerial activity on the Western Front between the Moselle and the Saar was reported yesterday morning.

Earlier reports stated that activity in the preceding 24 hours had been almost at vanishing point, except for a few German attacks in the Biys region.

Lack of aerial activity was ascribed to the bad weather prevailing — rain, fog and snow. — Reuter.

SOVIET TO MAKE PEACE DEMARCHE?

Paris, To-day.
The prospect of a possible Russian peace demarche when M. Molotov, the Russian Premier, and Foreign Minister, addresses the Soviet Supreme Council today meets with a very cool reception here.

One newspaper declares: "Whether the manoeuvre be attempted by the leaders in the Kremlin or by Hitler, it is doomed to the same fate." — Reuter.

London, To-day.

U-BOATS "WANT" CHAMBERLAIN

SINKING OF THE ST. NIDAN

London, To-day.
"It's not you we want but Chamberlain," a U-boat commander told the crew of the Hull trawler "St. Nidan" when the latter was shelled and sunk.

"We have no quarrel with trawlermen, but Chamberlain began the war and now Germany is going to finish it."

The commander asked the trawlermen if they had any food in their lifeboat, and gave them biscuits.

They were later picked up by the steamer "Lady Hogarth," which also picked up the crew of the trawler "Lynx." The two crews were landed in Scotland. — Reuter.

ANOTHER ESCADRILLE LAFAYETTE?

A legion of American pilots who wish to take service with the British Air Force will arrive in Britain shortly.

All have had long flying experience under all sorts of conditions. They will undoubtedly constitute a most valuable reinforcement to the pool of trained pilots available to the British and French Air Forces.

During the last war a similar legion was formed in France, known as the Escadrille Lafayette.

It was formed in 1916 by five pilots—Thaw, Norman, Prince, Chapman and Rockwell—whose courage and self-sacrifice became a legend.

REPORTING TO HITLER

London, To-day.

The Swiss radio reports that von Mackensen, Nazi Ambassador to Italy, has left Rome for Berlin to report to Hitler. — Reuter.

FINNISH SHIP SINKS IN 10 MINS.

London, To-day.
Following an explosion the Finnish steamer Juno sank in the North Sea yesterday within 10 minutes.

A number of the crew of 24, including five stewardesses, got away in a lifeboat, but the others were thrown into the water and swam for 20 minutes before being rescued by the Norwegian ship Mimona, which also picked up those in the boat.

Nineteen survivors were landed at an English east coast port last night. Nine were taken to hospital suffering from minor injuries or exhaustion. — Reuter.

OFF THE RECORD

By Ed Reed



"She must be improving—they're throwing things away to-night!"

Here's Luck

EWOK BEER

LABOUR TO DEFINE PEACE AIMS

London, To-day.
The leader of the Labour Opposition, Major C. R. Attlee, will define Labour's peace aims at a meeting of Labour members of the House of Commons, which will be held at Caxton Hall on November 8.—Reuter.

Amsterdam, To-day.
In a long war, Germany's oil supply will be one of her weakest points.

This is the opinion of Dutch all experts commenting on the New York report of the correspondent of the "Telegraaf" that in the view of the majority of Navy, Army and Air Force experts, Germany has only sufficient high-grade petrol for two months' big-scale air attacks.

The "Telegraaf" report suggests that after such a period Germany would have to use synthetic spirit which is unsuitable for modern warplanes. American experts place the 1939 synthetic oil production at 25 million barrels and believe that Germany needs 50 millions in peacetime and 150 million annually in wartime. — Reuter.

FACTS ABOUT SINKING OF THE ATHENIA

London, To-day.

THE MINISTRY of Information announce that the British Ambassador in Washington has conveyed to the United States Government the following assurances regarding the sinking of the **Athenia**.

(1) The Athenia carried no bullion, securities, guns, munitions or explosives, either as cargo or stores:

(2) She was not sunk either by contact with a British mine or by a British submarine or by gunfire from British destroyers or by internal explosion, but in accordance with evidence in the hands of the British Government, by a submarine.

(3) She was neither armed nor stiffened to receive armament of any kind:

(4) It was not intended to use the vessel as an armed raider, armed merchant cruiser or in any other offensive capacity at the end of the voyage on which she was sunk.

ANDERSON INVENTING

(5) The Chief Officer has sworn an affidavit that he never discussed with Gustav Anderson the question of whether or not there were guns aboard and that there were in point of fact, no guns, or other munitions carried as cargo.—Reuter.

**WANG TO
OPEN UP ON
NOVEMBER 12**

Shanghai, To-day.
It is reported here that November 12 has now been fixed by Wang Ching-wei for the inauguration of the new "Central Government."

The date coincides with the anniversary of the birth of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen.

It is learned that after establishing the new "puppet" regime, Wang will visit Japan and meet the Japanese Emperor for the first time.—Our Own Correspondent.

WHITE PAPER EXTRACTS

COLD-BLOODED NAZI ACTION DURING POGROMS

London, To-day.

The Consul-General in Vienna reporting on November 11, 1938, on anti-Jewish demonstrations on the occasion of Herr von Rath's murder, said that when a large number of Jewish shops and houses and Jewish prayer houses and synagogues were fired, the police had obviously received instructions not to interfere.

"Vienna presented an extraordinary spectacle, with fires raging all over the city, and Jews being hustled along the streets, cursed at and assaulted by crowds of hooligans "whose pride it is to belong to one of the greatest and most civilised nations in the world."

COLOGNE POGROM

The Consul-General in Cologne, writing on November 14, says that the anti-Jewish manifestations on the 11th were very thorough and systematic.

He reported: "There is nervousness amongst the middle class Germans who, in general, disapprove, but they dare not voice disapproval. One German woman who did so in a tram-car which runs past my door was arrested at the first stopping place. I have been more shocked by the cold-blooded manner in which action was taken than by anything else. Yet I am inclined to think the Fuehrer knows his Germans. Amongst the masses who have nothing at stake there is observed a certain amount of Schadenfreude."

IN FRANKFORT

Consul-General Smallbones at Frankfort-on-Main, in a message dated December 14, relates in detail what happened to a well-educated Jew who was in the trenches in the last war and had a good business in Frankfort, and says his statements correspond with others seized and humiliated during the pogrom. A typical passage of this recital of the indignities suffered before removal to Buchenwald reads: "SS guards and police now had sport with their charges. They made them kneel down, cross their hands behind their backs, and lean forward until they touched the ground with their foreheads. Those who could not perform this feat were assisted by the guards who kicked them in the back of the neck. Others were made to run round the building. Some were sick."

At Buchenwald, proceeds Mr. Smallbones, flogging was ordered for trifling offenses such as not jumping to attention quickly.

A Rabbi was fogged because he refused to sign his name on the Sabbath. He was then threatened with a second fogging. His spirit was too weak and he signed. Some died in the hospital, others died at home.

survived were kicked back into the shed."

WITHOUT PRETEXT

Jews were sneeringly told by their guards that they were only experiencing the same treatment as their forefathers in Egypt and that Pharaoh had not gone half far enough. Men were kept standing at attention for many hours on end.

A small business man arrested in June, 1938, in a round-up in the streets of Berlin, without cause or pretext, describing the floggings, said the normal punishment was 25 strokes: on the seat carried out by two guards standing on each side with riding whips, the prisoner lashed to a board. If he cried out, the strokes were increased to 35.

The guards used all their force sometimes springing into the air so as to bring the arm down with increased momentum.—British Wire less.

GERMANY'S FLYING BRICKS

Paris. To-day.

Captured German airmen say that they do not like the much-vaunted Messerschmidt planes, which they popularly call "Flying Bricks."

In combat, they say, they are not satisfactory when it comes to manoeuvring, and they are no match for the American Curtiss fighters used by the French.

Observers point out that if this is the case, this state of affairs will grow worse as Germany suffers more and more from a shortage of aluminum.

Typical of the effectiveness of the blockade of this important metal is seen in the Royal Navy's seizure of 15,500 tons recently. In peace-time, Germany had to import nearly all her supplies of bauxite (the ore from which aluminium is obtained), producing only about 15,000 tons annually herself.—Harris

INCREASING COAL PRODUCTION

Coal production in England, where 17 coal-pits have re-opened, output has increased by 320,000 tons a week and it is hoped that it will shortly total 270,000,000 a year — **Went**



A passenger train was derailed at Elk River, Minn., when during the night of Jan. 22, 1934, one of the passenger coaches ran into the fifth rail, killing 10 persons and injuring 20 others. The first part of the train was on the main line while the second was changing a coach on to the test train, when the second car crossed the line. As the picture graphically shows, the light engine was forced onto the platform, smashing the waiting room and refreshment buffet. (By Al Mall).

Britain's Reply To German Propaganda

FULL HORRORS OF NAZI CONCENTRATION CAMPS SHOWN IN OFFICIAL PAPERS

London, To-day.

THE HORRORS OF GERMAN concentration camps are described in a White Paper dealing with the ill-treatment of Jews and opponents of the Nazi regime.

The White Paper explains: "Before the war and ever since its outbreak the German Government has almost daily put out propaganda accusing Britain of atrocities in South Africa forty years ago.

In view of this shameless propaganda which is wholly devoid of any foundation, His Majesty's Government think that it is opportune to publish some of the reports they have received of treatment accorded in Germany itself to German nationals.

In 1933, members of opposition parties were arrested wholesale and confined to concentration camps where they were subjected to the most barbarous treatment.

Flogging and torture were the order of the day and it is common knowledge in Germany that the Nationalist Socialist Party was taking terrible vengeance on those who had the temerity to oppose it."

During this period, the violence and brutality of the Nazis did not spare foreigners. The attitude then adopted by the German Government was that they regretted, and would put an end to, excesses against foreigners, but regarded them as unavoidable in the first ardour of revolutionary fervour. This plea cannot be advanced to excuse events 5 years after the advent to power of the National Socialist Party.

It is evident from the published documents that neither the consolidation of the regime nor the passage of time have, in any way, mitigated its savagery.

The White Paper says that there were 344 cases of arrests or attacks on Czecho-Slovak citizens reported during this period.

WANTON ASSAULTS

British subjects, including a member of the staff of the British Embassy, were wantonly assaulted in the streets by uniformed members of the Black Guards on duty.

The White Paper emphasises that the documents published now were not written for publication adding: "The German Government complains of the maltreatment of German minorities in foreign countries, and of the 'Macedonian conditions' reigning there.

"It will be seen from the published papers that, under the present regime, conditions in Germany itself and the treatment of Germans are reminiscent not of Macedonia but the darkest ages in the history of man."

HITLER AND NIEMOLLER

During a conversation with Hitler, the British Ambassador gathered the impression that Hitler was dissatisfied with the result of the Niemoller trial. Hitler declared that Niemoller was a traitor and his sympathisers would find themselves in concentration camps.

Horrible descriptions are given from former prisoners of conditions in the Buchenwald concentration camp near Weimar.

Camp Superintendent Ruedi told a batch of fresh prisoners: "Some of you have been in gaol; what you tasted there is nothing to what you are going to get here. You are com-

ing into concentration camp and that means you are coming into hell.

Any attempt at opposing the authority of the guards and you will be shot out of hand.

We have only two kinds of punishment in this camp — the lash and the death penalty."

INSUFFICIENT FOOD

Working hours at Buchenwald are 16 daily, including Sundays. During working hours it is forbidden to drink even in the hottest weather. The food is quite insufficient namely, weak coffee at dawn, half a litre of soup at mid-day and a bread allowance of 250 grammes a day.

The work consisted of moving heavy stones often far beyond the strength of a normal well-fed man.

Floggings were very frequent for small offenses such as drinking water during working hours. The usual punishment is 25 strokes given alternately by two guards.

This often produced unconsciousness, but the Jews were told that the Fuehrer himself had given orders that Jews might receive up to 60 lashes.

INHUMAN TORTURE

Prisoners were often picked out at random and flogged. The men's feet were strapped to two footplates and they were then strapped over a horizontal bar with their heads secured between two horizontal bars.

Some died between the poles, the survivors were kicked back into the sheds.

Some prisoners went mad and were chained up with sacking round their heads to strangle their shouts.

Overcrowding was indescribable. For example 2,500 prisoners were forced into a shed measuring 200 feet by 80.

Deaths in the Buchenwald camp occurred daily. Relatives were often first informed of them by the information that they could have the ashes by payment of three marks.

MERCILESS TREATMENT

No Jewish prisoner was ever released until he could produce evidence that he would be able to leave Germany.

Wires charged with thousands of volts of electricity prevented escape and every sentry was ordered to use his rifle without warning if any prisoner moved in his direction.

Jewish prisoners were told that every bullet cost 12 pfennings, which was just what a Jew was worth. "Prisoners rise at dawn and coffee is distributed in the square where the gallows and the flogging block stand.

Those reporting sick are inspected by the commandant, who treats those whom he decides to be fit with his riding whip.

REVELLING IN TORTURE

The sick in labour gangs are helped on with kicks. Lately no Jews have been accepted as being sick. They could only be fit or be dealt with another punishment which consisted in hanging a prisoner for 10 or 12 hours by his arms which are violently bent backwards.

The guards seem to revel in tortures. During the journey to Weimar prisoners were often brutally maltreated.—Reuter.

PRIEST INJURED

The documents making up the White Paper also give accounts of barbarities outside the concentration camps.

One is from the British Consul-General in Vienna and concerns the anti-Roman Catholic demonstrations of October last year. They included the sacking of the Cardinal Archbishop Innitzer's palace by groups of the S.A.

One priest was thrown out of a window and his legs were broken.

POLICE ACQUIESCENCE

Describing the demonstration, the Consul General recorded that the Cardinal's Palace was entered, the windows smashed, religious pictures destroyed, valuable chalices and three episcopal rings stolen, and robes and even the personal wardrobe of the Cardinal thrown into the courtyard and set on fire.

A priest, who endeavoured to restrain the attackers was manhandled and an attempt made to throw him out of the window. He was badly cut about the hands and the arms by broken glass. A similar attack was made upon the residence of the Dean and a priest there was actually thrown out of the window and both legs broken.

The police, telephoned for seven times from the Palace arrived three-quarters of an hour after the first call, when the leader of the mob blew a whistle and the attackers, forming column, marched off unmolested and undetained by the police.

"ATTEMPTING TO ESCAPE"

In the first four weeks one prisoner was at Dachau 80 Jews died and another 30 died in the fifth week. Most of them were "shot while attempting to escape," but in no single case were these men shot in a genuine attempt to escape.

What happened was that the camp was surrounded by a wire fence which the prisoners were forbidden to approach. The S.S. guards would sometimes amuse themselves by calling prisoners to the fence.

New prisoners would often obey. As soon as they got near the fence, machine-guns would open fire on them.

In another report concerning the prison-camp at Dachau, the British Consul-General in Munich reported there were daily beatings, even with steel birches.

DRIVEN MAD

In another case, a middle-aged man in the concentration camp received a letter from his worried wife. An educated man and sensitive, he was unable to maintain the degree of self-control required. He gave way to a moan.

For this, he was tied to a tree and left there for 14 hours. He became unconscious and two guards who passed decided he was dead, threw him to the ground, jumped on him and stamped on him with their boots. He moved, and they remarked,

HIMMLER "PURGING" NAZI GAOLS

Paris, To-day. The Paris newspaper "Paris Soir" reports that a Commission has been set up in Germany under Herr Himmler, chief of the Secret Police, to carry out a purge of Nazi prisons.

Since October 12, the newspaper reports, over 1,000 prisoners have been shot.

The purpose of this is to get rid of suspected persons; to impress the survivors; and to make room for further arrests.—Reuter.

"Ah, he's not quite dead."

When the ex-prisoner making the report next saw the man, his breast and face were a mass of blood and his eyes were swollen and purple. He had also gone mad.

BRUTALISED YOUTH

The S.S. men running the camps are mostly youths from 17 to 20 years of age, specially trained for the purpose. So brutalised were they that one wondered how this was brought about.

The slightest sign of weakness in a prisoner brought all their most horrible sadistic thoughts to work. It was common for them to kick a man in the face as he lay on the ground.

The British Consul-General in Frankfurt-on-Main, reporting to the British Charge d'Affaires said that he was persuaded that if the German Government depended on suffrage, those in power and responsible would be swept away by a storm of indignation, if not put up against a wall and shot.

AMBASSADOR'S LETTER

The eleven documents which comprise the White Paper begin with a despatch, March 3, 1938, recording the judgment in the trial of Pastor Niemoller, followed four days later by a telegram in which Sir Neville Henderson described the uneasy atmosphere in Berlin after the trial, when every kind of rumour was circulating, such as that General von Fritsch had been shot and that mass arrests had been made. Although unable to confirm the rumours, Sir Neville Henderson reported that Hitler was in a highly nervous and excitable state.

Sir Neville's reports include a letter he received from a German mother, in which she appeals to England, "a country which is still the strongest in Europe." If, she says, in the heart of Europe a race is growing up which is not only indifferent to Christianity but has a hatred of it, the future will be fraught with disaster not only to Germany but to all Europe.—Reuter.

GERMAN SHORTAGE OF PETROL

London, To-day.

An order issued by the German Ministry of Transport instructs the conversion to gaseous fuels for all commercial vehicles still allowed to operate.—Reuter.

SHORTAGE OF FISH IN GERMANY

London, To-day.

The likelihood of a shortage of fish in Germany may be measured by the fact that the normal North Sea catch is 300,000 tons per annum against the Baltic's 20,000 tons.—Reuter.



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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

SIMILAR GOAL

"The paths of both Japan and Germany lead to a similar goal—defeat. In China, Japan not only cannot obtain peace, but is also unable to fight any more. In Europe, Germany is experiencing a similar fate. Time is the greatest enemy of both nations. Winter is setting in and the bad weather on the Western Front prevents Germany from carrying out large-scale military operations. She, therefore, now solely depends on her air force and submarines. "The sphere of operations of these two forces are, however, limited, and will not bring the war to a swift conclusion." — "Ta Kung Pao," Hong Kong.

SOVIET AIMS

In the Baltic field the Soviet conquest has gone exceedingly easy in the first phases, in which the objects of aggression were easy pickings—defenceless Lithuania and Estonia. But now the problem of the Scandinavian bloc is reaching the critical stage, and the indications are that the sailing will be so smooth, the opportunities for easy success not so inviting.

The Scandinavian nations represent the superlative in sentiment for neutrality, including economic neutrality in so far as that term means the right to trade with both sides. Russia cannot subjugate the Scandinavian states, but it is not yet certain that she cannot make the Scandinavian position extremely inconvenient for Great Britain, particularly as regards the Baltic and North Sea trade routes.

In this connection we are inclined to believe that the real Russian motive is not so much that of helping Germany as hurting Britain.

On the land-and-air front, the western front, the battle in watchful waiting, in feinting and propagandising, is in an advanced stage. The military score is decidedly in favour of the democratic allies, the French having taken and held enough German territory to explode many Nazi boasts. Lack of major action is puzzling, but delay tends to favour the allies. — "Manila Bulletin."

MR. GREW'S WARNING

Ambassador Joseph Clark Grew in speaking plainly on Japanese-American relations last week to a Tokyo group, has rendered an invaluable service to the nation in which he has spent many years of his career as an envoy of the United States.

If Japan is really earnest in her protestation of friendship for the United States, Ambassador Grew's frank talk should be taken seriously to heart by the Japanese people and their rulers. The United States envoy has recently returned from an extensive trip in America. He has travelled through different parts of America sampling the opinion of his own people. He has conferred at length with President Roosevelt, Secretary Cordell Hull, and other key officers of the administration. What he said to the Tokyo group, therefore, was not the personal opinion of the Ambassador.

As the Ambassador succinctly pointed out, his information came from the "horse's mouth." He was speaking the thought of President Roosevelt and relaying to the Japanese public the consensus of the American public. His speech, furthermore, must have received the approval of the State Department which wanted to use the informal occasion provided by the public speaking engagement of the Ambassador to convey to the Japanese people and government its views on Japanese-American relations. — "China Press."

RED TIDE IN THE BALTIC

More Russian gains from Germany's war on Poland are advertised in the agreement just negotiated by Russian and Estonian authorities. This agreement gives Russia several Baltic naval and air bases and provides for mutual assistance and for Russia's placing of a Red army of 25,000 in Estonia. It contains also verbal gestures toward Estonian sovereignty which is supposed to remain intact though the terms of the agreement appear to reduce Estonia practically to a Russian protectorate.

In one way the move is favourable to Germany: ice-free Estonian ports will now become available for Russian trade with the Third Reich, improving one route through which war supplies can reach Germany. But the price at which the Third Reich acquires this minor advantage appears to be high indeed. It is no less than the giving to Russia of a foothold which may well lead to Russian hegemony in the Baltic region.

This was obviously the aim of the Russians when they were angling with London for the right to impose guarantees on the Baltic States should an Anglo-Russian agreement be concluded. Russia's contention then was that unless such guarantees were imposed, Russia's position in that area could be jeopardised by Germany.

Russia to-day evidently is seeing to it that that position will not be jeopardised even by Germany. The pressures in the Baltic, though exercised chiefly by Russia at the moment, are so similar to those with which the Third Reich has disrupted other parts of Europe that it is possible even the Scandinavian neutral bloc will soon have to reconsider its joint policy of neutrality. — "Christian Science Monitor."

Since the beginning of the renewed Japanese invasion of China in July, 1937, the danger of the Open Door in China being closed by Japan has become increasingly manifest. The Japanese Government has revealed more and more clearly its real intentions not only towards China but also towards the other Powers in the Far East. Indeed, these intentions are openly avowed by leaders of the Japanese Government in official proclamation of what they call a "new order" in Asia, under which Japan is to exercise the supreme authority, and the activities of other Powers are to be subjected to restrictions dictated by what Japan seems to be the requirements of national defence and the economic security of the proposed block.

The desire for domination and control has also been confirmed in action. The object to be obtained can only be the total elimination from China of the rights and interests which the other Powers have acquired and built up by a century of careful investment, courageous enterprise and sustained effort.

"What the future will bring in Asia will depend upon how quickly China can recover the loss of her occupied territory. If Japan should ever be allowed to lay her hand on the whole of China and thus obtain the control of her immense man-power, her great possibilities as a market, and her vast store-house of mineral and agricultural wealth, it would be very easy for her to convert these almost limitless and invaluable assets into formidable means and instruments of domination and conquest. In that event, it would be impossible to contemplate the prospect of permanent peace in Asia or in the world." — Dr. Wellington Koo in the "China Press."

NO MUNICH FOR CHINA

"Those who declare that the proposed Pacific Conference is not a Munich in the Orient are uttering nonsense. The so-called 'Pacific Conference' is intended to do for China exactly what Munich did to Czechoslovakia." — Mao Tze-tung, leader of the Chinese Communist Party, in "China To-day."

WAR ECONOMY MAKING ITSELF FELT IN GERMANY

London, To-day.

AS THE RESULT of the blockade, Germany has been unable to supply Yugo-Slavia with rubber goods, tin-plate or textiles.

One hundred and twenty-eight lorries have been delivered without tyres.

INCOME TAX STRAW VOTE

The easiest and most amusing pastime in the world is to play around with suggestions for new forms of taxation or for increasing the levels of existing taxes, with a neat and natural tendency to choose those least likely to affect the selector's own pocket.

Government has proposed Income Tax in Hong Kong as a special war contribution, in the belief that its incidence will be more equitable than any alternative tax or taxes.

A vote which provides a cross-section of public opinion on the straight issue is likely to prove more valuable than vague wanderings round the fiscal field, and the following questionnaire is offered to our readers:

INCOME TAX STRAW VOTE

Do you approve of Income Tax in principle? . . . YES . . . NO

Do you approve the Government's tentative proposals? . . . YES . . . NO

Would you be affected by them? . . . YES . . . NO

If you feel the burden to be too heavy, would your objection be met (a) by an extension of the allowances . . . YES . . . NO

(b) by extension of the initial five per cent. basis to cover, say, the first \$6,000 of taxable income, against the first \$3,000 as now now proposed? . . . YES . . . NO

(c) or both? . . . YES . . . NO.

Strike out the answer inapplicable.

The questions are posed on the basis that the purpose of Government's desire to raise additional revenue is endorsed.

Additional comment by readers will, of course, be welcomed.

READERS WHO HAVE NOT SUBMITTED FORMS ARE INVITED TO DO SO BY THURSDAY MORNING AT LATEST.

As regards rubber, of which there was a 1937 import of 118,000,000 reichsmarks, the entire supply is now cut off.

The production of Buna, substitute rubber, only covers one-fifth of the peace-time consumption.

As regards tin-plate, one-third of the iron-ore imports are cut off. Sweden supplies two-thirds of the remainder, but could not cover even the German peace-time requirements.

TEXTILES AND COTTON

As regards textiles, the stoppage of the export trade should have left a surplus equal to about one-third of the total production.

The inability to supply textiles, therefore, is presumably due to the shortage of raw materials and suggests that surplus stocks were limited at the outbreak of war.

Supplies of cotton from Russia are relatively inaccessible. Moreover it is estimated that Germany's war-time requirements of cotton are equal to two and a half times that of the expected maximum Soviet output for 1942. — Reuter.

CANADA'S EFFORT IN THE WAR

London, To-day.

A statement was issued in London yesterday by the leader of the Canadian Delegation to the Dominion representatives' conference.

The Canadian Delegation's one objective, he said, was to ensure Canada's full co-operation with the Allies and other Dominions. The magnitude of the war operations brought a host of problems to the Allies.

The Canadian Delegation includes those who are competent to assist with these problems, so far as they touch on, or are affected by, Canada's participation in the war.

The discussions, he went on, will in the main be a continuation of the fruitful collaboration of the past few months, added to which will be the value of personal contact.

The Dominion representatives, he concludes, will also have the opportunity of learning at first hand of the really colossal effort that the Mother Country is making and of her invincible determination to maintain freedom and international decency. — Reuter.

TOUJOURS LA POLITESSE

A member of the Police Reserve, on duty for the first time, roused a London household to point out an inadequately darkened window.

This was remedied. Politely he took his leave, apologising for having had to draw the householder's attention to the matter.

With equal politeness the householder remarked that he, too had something to point out. The temporary policeman was wearing his helmet back to front.

SCURRILOUS ATTACKS ON GEN. SMUTS

London, To-day.

The South African newspapers publish an authoritative statement concerning the Afrikaans announcer of the German broadcasting stations.

His broadcasts are described as attempts to undermine the stability of the South African Government.

For some months past, and especially so since the war broke out, this Afrikaans announcer has poured out a huge number of lies about South Africa.

He has specialised in scurrilous references to General Smuts, the Premier, and other leaders. — Reuter.

The offices of the French Consulate will be closed to the general public being "All Saints Day."

VICEROY TO MEET INDIA'S LEADERS

Lucknow, To-day.

The Ministry of the United Provinces has resigned following the adoption of a resolution by the Legislative Assembly, by 127 votes against 2, expressing disapproval of the Viceroy's statement.

The Mahatma Gandhi and Rajendra Prasad, President of the National Congress, are leaving Wardha for New Delhi to-day and will be received by the Viceroy to-morrow.

Mr. Jinnah, president of the Muslim League, is also meeting the Viceroy to-morrow.

It is understood that the meeting between the viceroy, and Messrs. Gandhi, Prasad and Jinnah will take the form of a joint discussion. — Reuter.

IN MADRAS

NEW DELHI, TO-DAY.

THE CONGRESS MINISTRY OF THE UNITED PROVINCES HAS RESIGNED AND THE RESIGNATION OF THE CONGRESS MINISTRY OF MADRAS HAS BEEN ACCEPTED.

The Governor of Madras is issuing a proclamation appointing an Advisory Board, consisting of three British members of the Indian Civil Service, to carry on the work of government. — Reuter.

Chungking, To-day.

The National Government has appointed Mr. Tung Teh-chien to be Charge d'Affaires in Turkey. — Central News.

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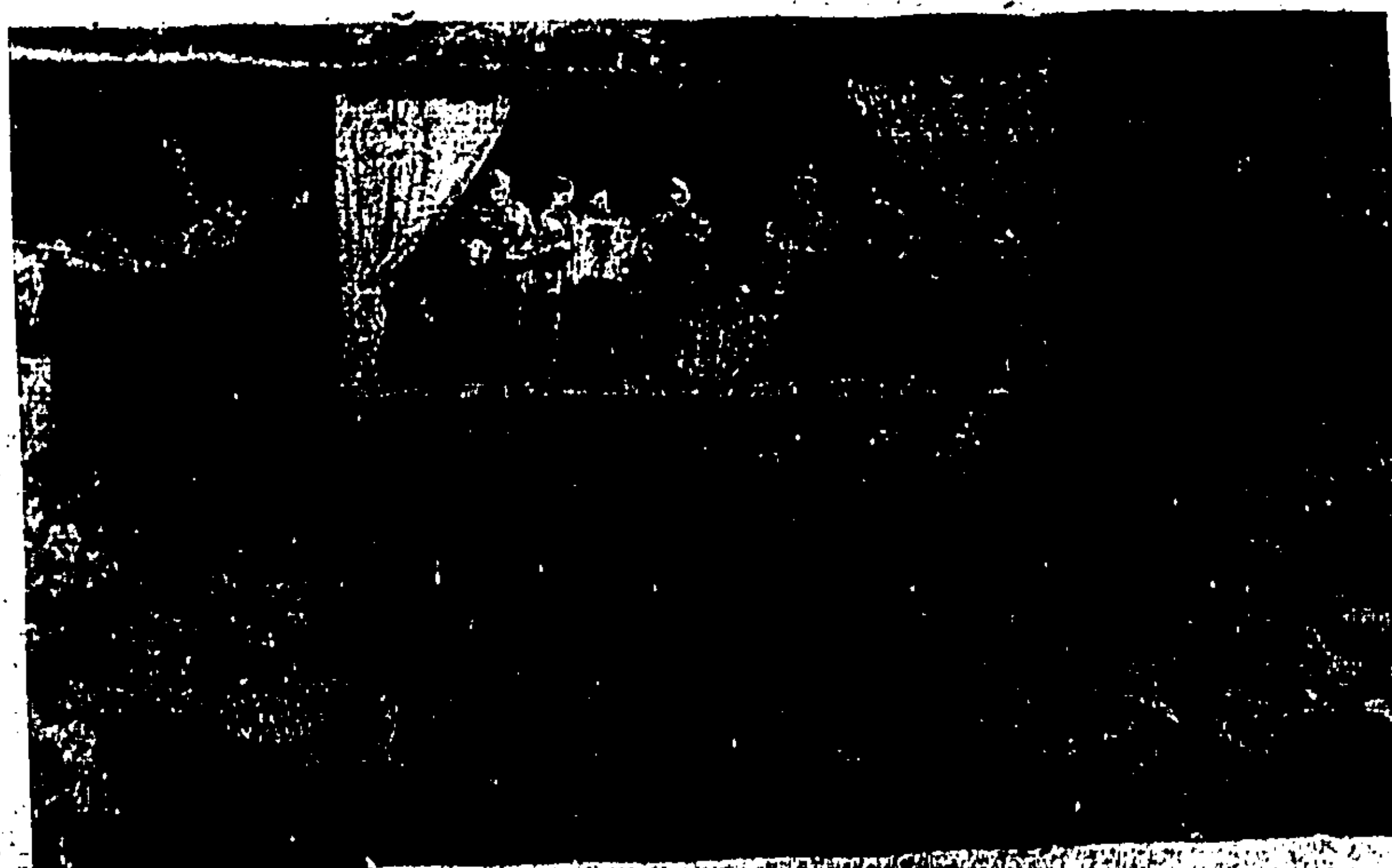
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WORDS AND WARFARE

"Owing to the international situation," wrote the secretary of a society, "we are terminating all contingent engagements." His letter to me was dated nine days after September 3. But he evidently found it hard, even impossible, to come down to that short, frank word of three letters which is, we are told, derived from "wirren," to worry. Indeed, the number of people who have similarly refused to call a war a war has been most remarkable. Those, for example, who recently resolved to marry in haste—and will have the later leisure, we hope, in which not to repent—have been excusing the decision in their newspaper announcements with the same long-winded delicacy favoured by my corresponding secretary. It is the European or the international situation which is hurrying them to the altar or the registrar: nothing so common as a war.

There has long been implanted in mankind a belief that we may avert the worst by giving it a good, or at least a less evil, name. The classical instance was that nervous politeness of the ancient Greeks which described those dark immortals the Avenging Furies as the Kindly Ones. We scarcely go as far as that nowadays. Yet we cannot boast ourselves to be truly free of such "wishful thinking," as it is fashionable to name it. To call a war, which may soon be a world war and confusion's masterpiece, an "international situation" does to some degree avert the mind from bloody thoughts, just as to call the possible dropping of hundreds of high-explosive bombs about our heads "an emergency" gives us a comfortable feeling that it is not going to happen after all. Juliet's dismissal of nominalism was far from accurate. A rose would not smell as sweet were it called stinking muckwort, nor does the crash of a bomb sound quite as terrifying when the merciful pamphlet dismisses that detonation as "in case of emergency."

Detonation! We are already in the mode. For the effect of war is to subject us all to Whitehall, and the English idiom of the Civil Service is pompous, prolix, and classical. It would never have a smash or a crash while it could detonate. The rule, it seems, is simple enough. Always avoid a short Saxon word and use a long Latin or Greek one instead. Call the start of a war the commencement of hostilities, call cleaning up decontamination, make great play with emergencies and eventualities, Latinise your army when you mobilise it, and announce that the complete motorisation of certain units has now been energetically effected—these are the words of present warfare and make up the ponderous lexicon of modern Mars.

Statesmen fall to it in like manner and begin to brandish with ecstasy such verbal claymores as "arbitrament" as once they tossed the weighty caber of "appeasement." The journalist alone, since his space is now more scanty than ever, endeavours to do battle with monosyllables and finds exceeding virtue in the term that is terse. Already we may note a greedy usage of the word "key." Our popular columns are full of "key news" about "key men" in "key places." So does Fleet Street, in times of paper dearth, unlock its heart. Exceptional people immediately become "key" or "ace," while the makers of edicts and proclamations in Whitehall are hammering

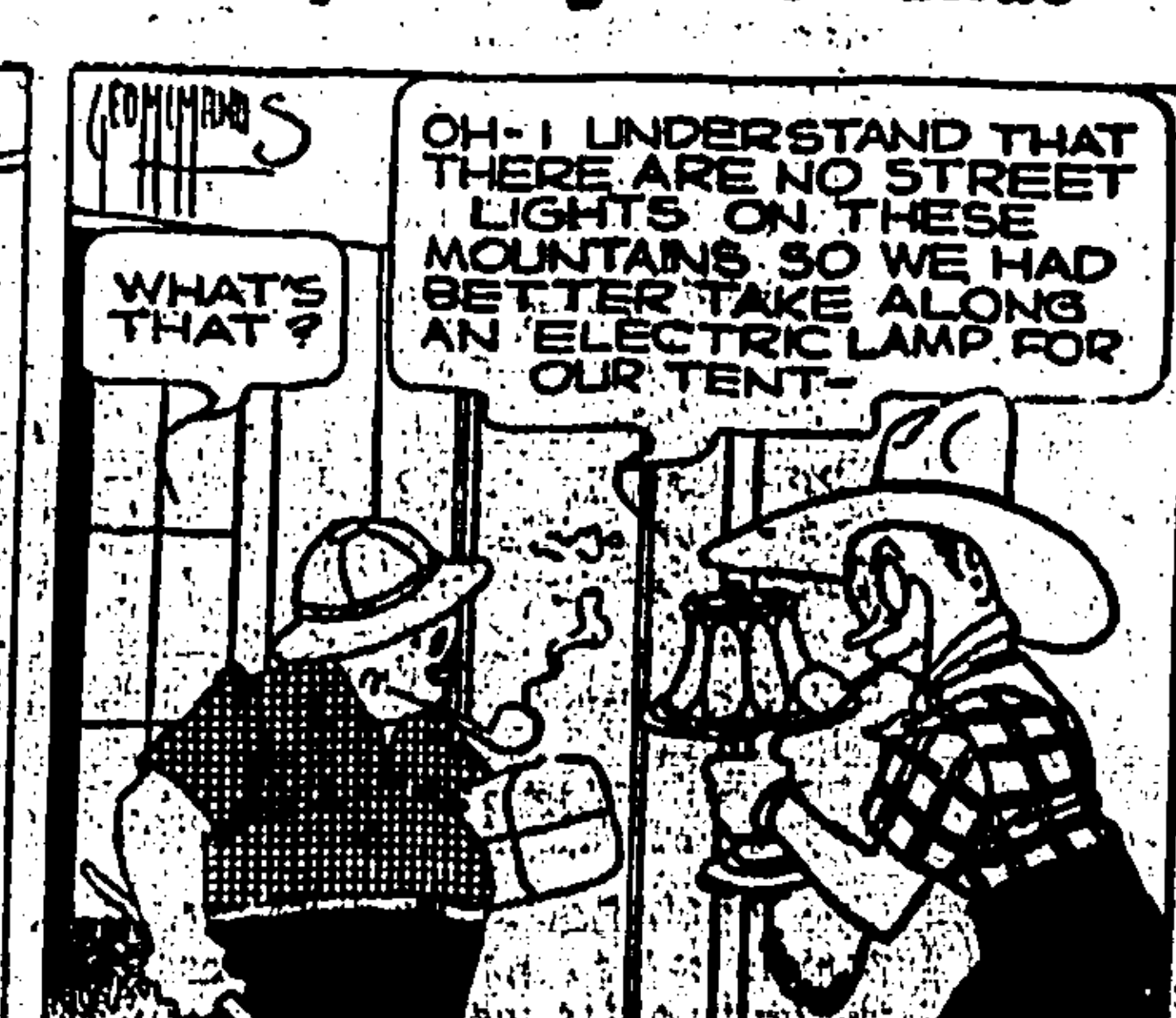
away in their classical and polysyllabic glory. To them, be it remembered, a gas mask is still a respirator. The Service which so splendidly invented, in the matter of vermin, "deratisation of agricultural premises" should be able to follow this up with some equally imposing detonations as the war wears on.

The 1914-1918 war added very little to our vocabulary. It introduced some Anglo-Indian soldiers' slang, which will now, presumably, be restored to popular use, and it spread, if it did not invent, the ugly but aptly descriptive verb "to scrounge." Modern war, being so largely unromantic, only the duels of the air supplying opportunities for individual triumph and esteem, does not cover the country with its glorious names. It is a somewhat anonymous business altogether. There are no short, sharp, decisive battles that you can call by a place, and only week-long, month-long actions spreading over many miles which have long been battered out of all recognisable shape or difference. Hence Britain, whose taverns record so many generals and battles long ago, has scarcely any such nominal records of the greatest of its conflicts. After the Kitchener myth had faded hero-worship died away and the best-known soldier of the whole struggle is he who remains unknown.

So, in the present case, when scarcely anybody knows the names of the nation's admirals and generals and air marshals, when a modest anonymity is the general rule, we shall not look for new words to come to us from headquarters. Some may slip in from the lower deck and the rank and file. What is perfectly certain is that we are fated to receive a full measure of pomposity from the civilian authorities and to become accustomed in time to a dreadful abundance of the vague, evasive words which Whitehall dearly loves. The emergency, as the departments say, will spawn its paper brood of fatalities, emergencies, eventualities, and all their classic kind. There is shortly, for example, to be a day for counting our heads: this, one notes, is being brightly called "Zero Day of Enumeration."

Poetry of old drew on war for its sounding glories. Greece led off with its Iliad and snatched words bright as swords from the singing plains of Troy. Our own Elizabethans had the knack of it, and Shakespeare could reel off martial magniloquence with as much ease as music while still apprentice to his craft. But we have come too close to havoc to care much for its eloquence, and the rhetoric of ruin now offends the sensibility, though it may charm the aural sense. What poetry this new war may evoke we cannot easily foretell: it may incline our youth to less tortuous and more melodious numbers than have recently usurped the vogue. But in temper, we may be sure, it will be realistic. Casque and helm may return to warfare, but not in those names of older romance, they are plain "tin hat" to us. The poetry of to-morrow will certainly be passionate; it were not poetry else. But it is unlikely to wear plumes. The pomp and circumstance of speech will stay at home. In the case of a situation suggesting an emergent eventuality heaven and earth may roar and blaze: Whitehall, we may be sure, will verbally detonate.—Ivor Brown in the "Manchester Guardian."

Bringing Up Father



By George McManus

WOMAN FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER: JURY'S RECOMMENDATION

AT THE CRIMINAL SESSIONS THIS MORNING, WAN HANG-CHUNG, WAS FOUND GUILTY OF THE MURDER OF HER HUSBAND'S CONCUBINE ON JULY 14 BUT A STRONG RECOMMENDATION FOR MERCY WAS MADE BY THE JURY WHICH THE CHIEF JUSTICE ENDORSED.

INCIDENT CLOSE TO H.K. WATERS

Engaged in operations against defenceless fishing junks, Japanese destroyer No. 47 is reported to have been working very close to the Colony's waters on Friday.

Arriving back in the Colony last night, Wong Ming-lu, 38, master of fishing junk No. 1044HA, registered in Hong Kong, reported that at about 3 p.m. on Friday he was fishing some distance north-east of Lema Island, very close to Hong Kong's waters, when the destroyer approached and ordered the junk alongside.

About 20 Japanese sailors boarded and transferred \$100 worth of fresh fish; \$265 in Hong Kong currency; three cannons and 10 pounds of shot to the gunboat.

They then ordered the junk to sail away.

URN 3,000 YEARS OLD

While digging sand for sandbags nears South Cave, East Yorkshire, workers found several human skeletons. These were well preserved and represented middle-aged men of the Bronze Age, dating from about 2000 B.C.

With them was a large food vessel made of well-baked clay and elaborately decorated with intricate patterns.

Mr. T. Sheppard, the director of the Hull Museum, where the vessel has been placed, states that the vase is one of the finest Bronze Age urns that he has seen.

THETIS CHIEF HAD GIVEN JACKET TO SAILOR

When the body of Lieutenant-Commander Bolus, Commander of the sunken submarine Thetis, was found, he was in his shirt sleeves.

He had given his uniform jacket to a naval rating, believed to be Stoker William Orrock, who was wearing it when he was brought out of the submarine.

This view was expressed by Commander S. M. Raw, who has been taking part in the salvage work, after the opening of the inquest on some of the victims.

Commander Raw told a reporter that Commander Bolus had obviously been directing escape operations in the after part of the ship when he died.

WEATHER REPORT

A moderate anti-cyclone covers China, says the Royal Observatory, and it is increasing in intensity and extending southward.

A shallow area of low pressure is moving eastward over north Japan.

Jewellery to the value of \$100, was stolen from room No. 210, Nani Ping Boarding House, between 10.30 p.m. yesterday and 5.30 a.m. to-day.

The case was heard before Sir At-holl Macgregor and the following jurors. Messrs. H. R. Webb (foreman), Lai Pui-lan, G. T. Anderson, E. J. Reed, Kan Yan-tsun, J. E. Montalto and Kwong Chow-li.

The prosecution was conducted by Mr. T. J. Gould, Assistant Crown Counsel, and accused was represented by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson, instructed by Mr. R. M. M. King.

In an address to the Jury, Mr. Anderson said that the defence was that accused, at the time of the attack, was in a state of semi-consciousness and the victim of a sudden attack of insanity.

His concern was to prove that accused was insane at the time of the crime, and it did not matter what her condition was before or after.

Summing up, His Lordship described Mr. Anderson's address as an able and eloquent one.

In the legal form, every person was presumed to be sane and to be responsible for his or her actions, until the contrary was proved and it was not the duty of the prosecution to prove this.

LEGAL INSANITY

The legal definition of insanity was suffering from such defects of reason, caused by the disease of mind, as not to be able to know the nature and quality of the act being done.

Of the previous medical history of accused little was known; only that for the last three years she had been an invalid and that recently skilled attendance found her suffering from beri-beri, pyorrhea and anaemia.

Dr. Wilkinson, an expert in mental disease, had accused under his special care and observation for some time and had told the Court that he had applied all the usual tests for insanity but found nothing to indicate that she was not perfectly normal. There was no physical trouble that likely to contribute to insanity.

He had also stated that, in a state of partial consciousness, a person would still know the nature and quality of his or her action.

His Lordship went over the facts and said that if death was due to blood poisoning from the tobacco or otherwise, the position would be different but this was not the case. If the jury were satisfied that accused struck the blows, the delayed treatment did not minimise the guilt of accused.

RECOMMENDATION TO MERCY

The Jury, after retiring for 17 minutes, found accused guilty and added a strong recommendation to mercy.

Before passing sentence His Lordship said: "The jury has reached the only possible conclusion on the evidence as a whole and the law provides only one punishment. It is my duty formally to pass sentence of death. The jury have coupled with their verdict a very strong recommendation for mercy. That recommendation I very gladly accept, and had no such recommendation been made, I would have made one on my own behalf."

"You may rest assured that that though it is my duty to pass the sentence, it will not be carried out."

SNATCHER CAUGHT

Arrested by Mr. L. L. Lopes, who saw him snatch a handbag last night in Sai Yeung Choi Street, Cheung Ping, 18, was this morning sentenced to six months' hard labour and 10 strokes by Mr. E. Hinmworth.

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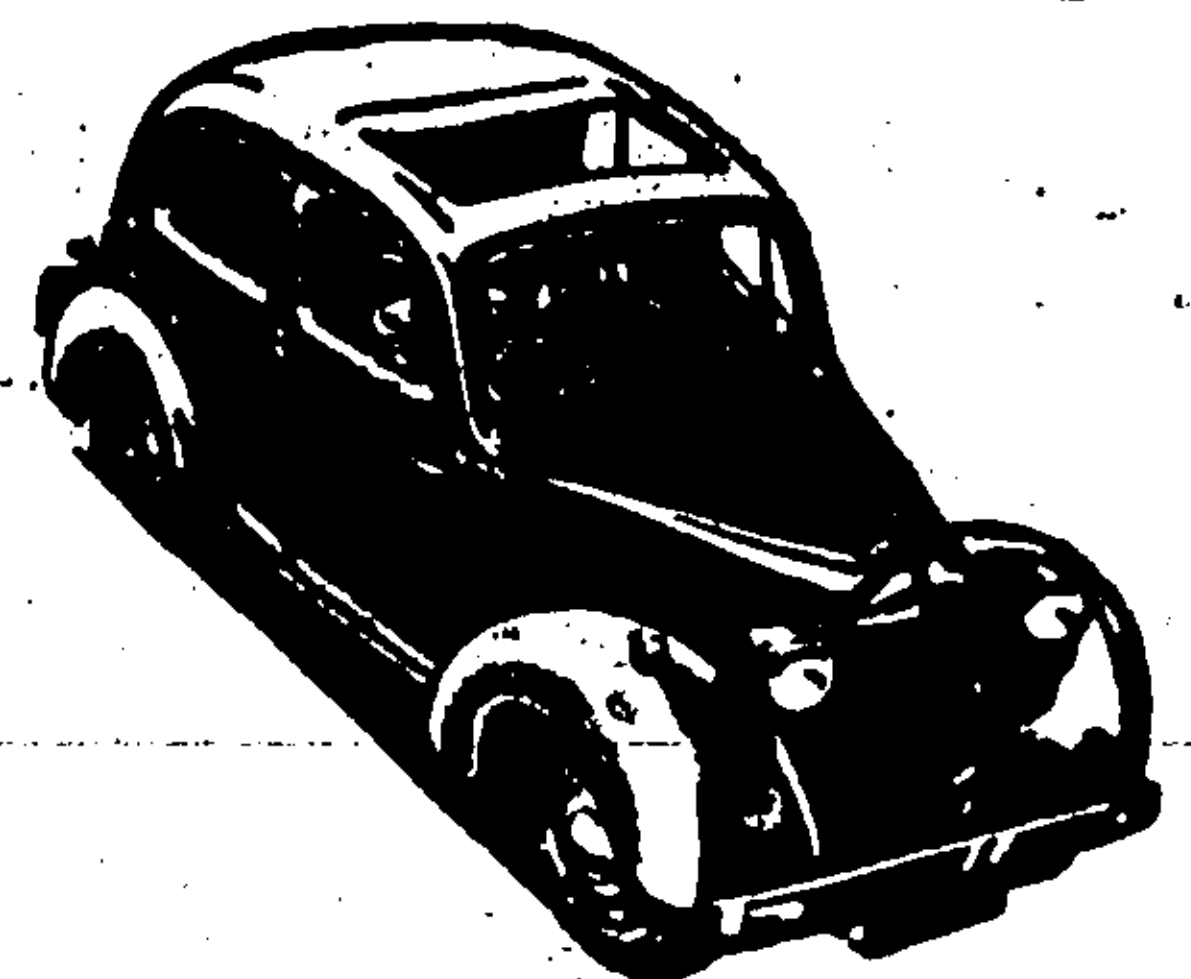


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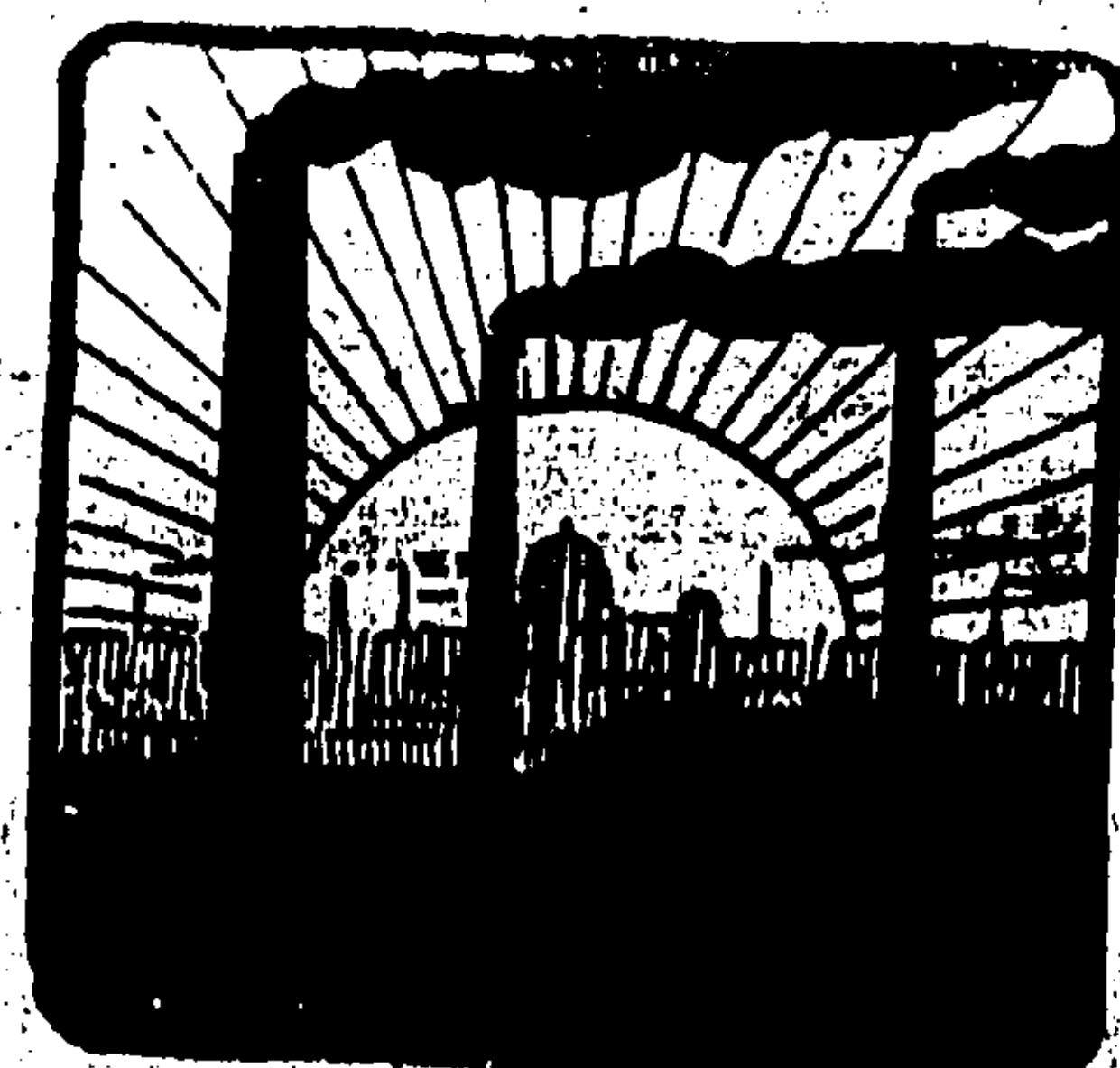
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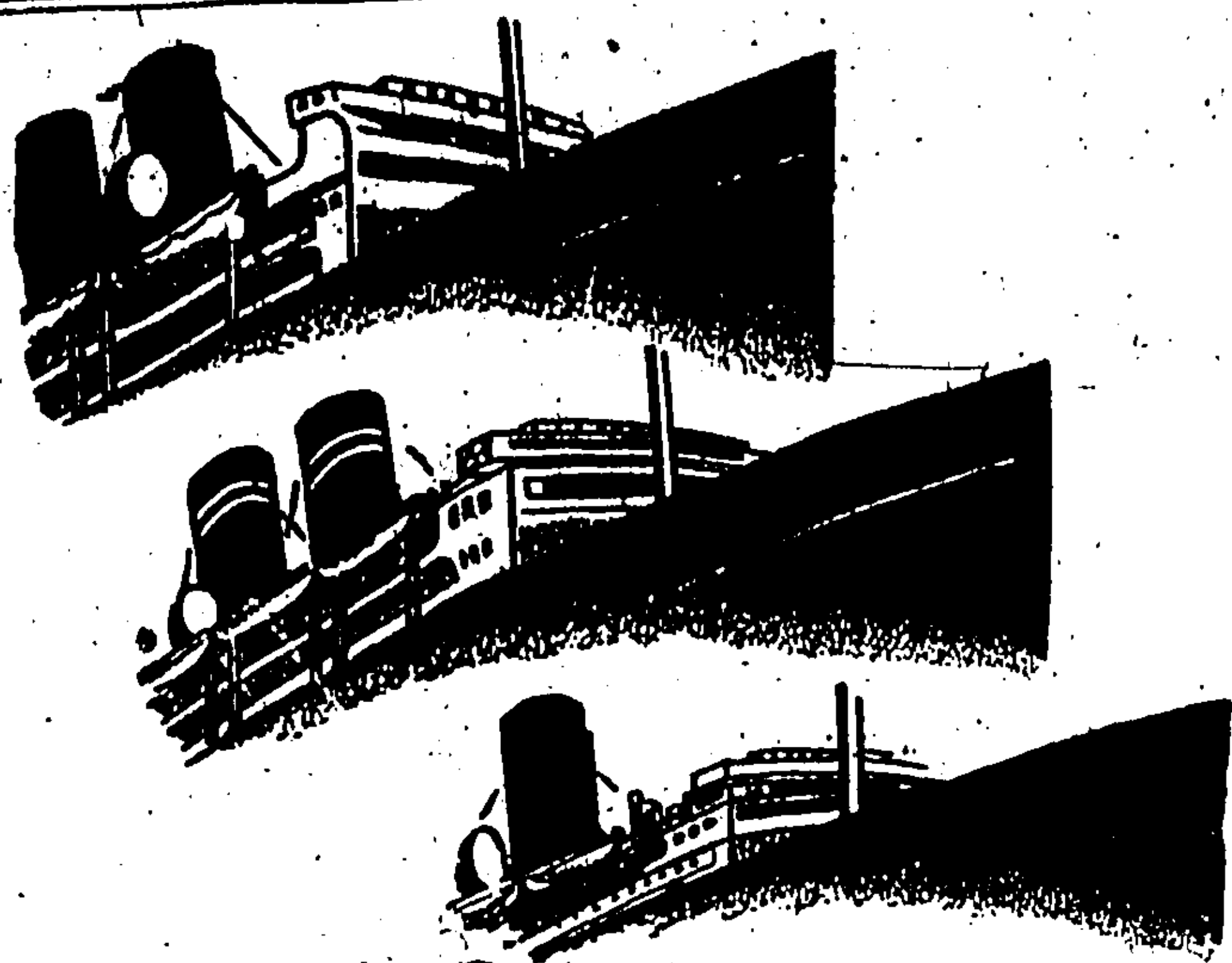
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Owing to the uncertainty of Sea transport the public are requested to post Christmas Parcels early.

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Straits	October 31.
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Canton	October 31.
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Straits	October 31.
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Japan	November 1.
Haiphong	November 1.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Service"—San Francisco date, 26th October	November 1.
Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 25th October	November 1.
Haiphong and Fort Bayard	Nov. 1.
Java and Manila	Nov. 1.
Japan	November 2.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date,	November 2.
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Canton	November 2.
Shanghai and Amoy	November 3.
Sandakan	November 2.
Haiphong, Pakhoi, Hoihow and Fort Bayard	November 3.
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Shanghai and Parcels only for Tientsin.	G.P.O. & K.P.O.	Oct. 31, 1.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East Africa, Aden, Egypt and London Parcels—due London, 9th December.	Par., Reg., Ord.,	Oct. 31, Noon. Oct. 31, 12.45 p.m. Oct. 31, 1.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America via Vancouver B.C. (Parcels for Canada only)—due Vancouver B.C., 18th November.	G.P.O. & K.P.O.	Oct. 30, 5.00 p.m. Oct. 31, 9.15 a.m. Oct. 31, 10.00 a.m. Oct. 31, 9.30 a.m.
Dairen	K.P.O.	Oct. 31, 5.00 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 8th Nov.	Reg., Ord.,	Oct. 31, 5.00 p.m. Oct. 31, 5.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 8th Nov.	G.P.O.	Oct. 31, 5.00 p.m. Oct. 31, 5.30 p.m.
	Reg., Ord.,	Oct. 31, 5.00 p.m. Oct. 31, 7.00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY		
Japan		Nov. 1, 9.30 a.m.
Bangkok		Nov. 1, 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai		Nov. 1, 10.30 a.m.
Haiphong		Nov. 1, 1.00 p.m.
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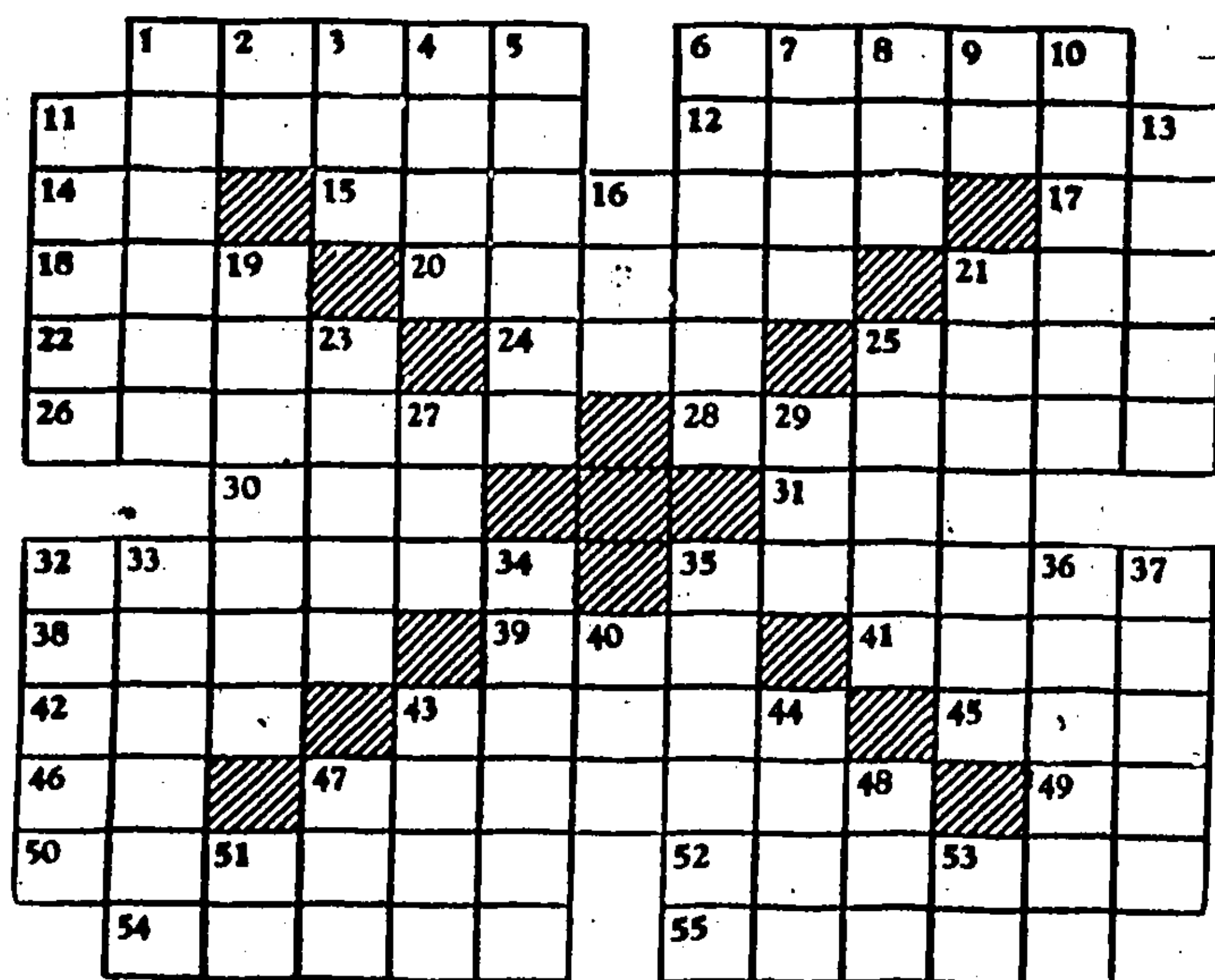
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- 6 Killed
- 11 North American country
- 12 Swallow-tailed flag
- 14 Near
- 15 Exchanged
- 17 Preposition
- 18 Viscount (abbr.)
- 20 Handles roughly
- 21 Scottish: mark off
- 22 Turkish prince
- 24 Golf mound
- 25 Cereal grain
- 26 Sarcasm
- 28 Backbones
- 30 Employ
- 31 Ovum
- 32 Quenches
- 35 Scarfs
- 38 Shanties
- 39 Torrid
- 41 Nevada city
- 42 Unit
- 43 Marine deposit

- 45 Vat
- 46 Parent (coll.)
- 47 Titled widow
- 49 Prefix: again
- 50 Laboured earnestly
- 52 Ornamental stand
- 54 Impatient
- 55 Drugs (coll.)

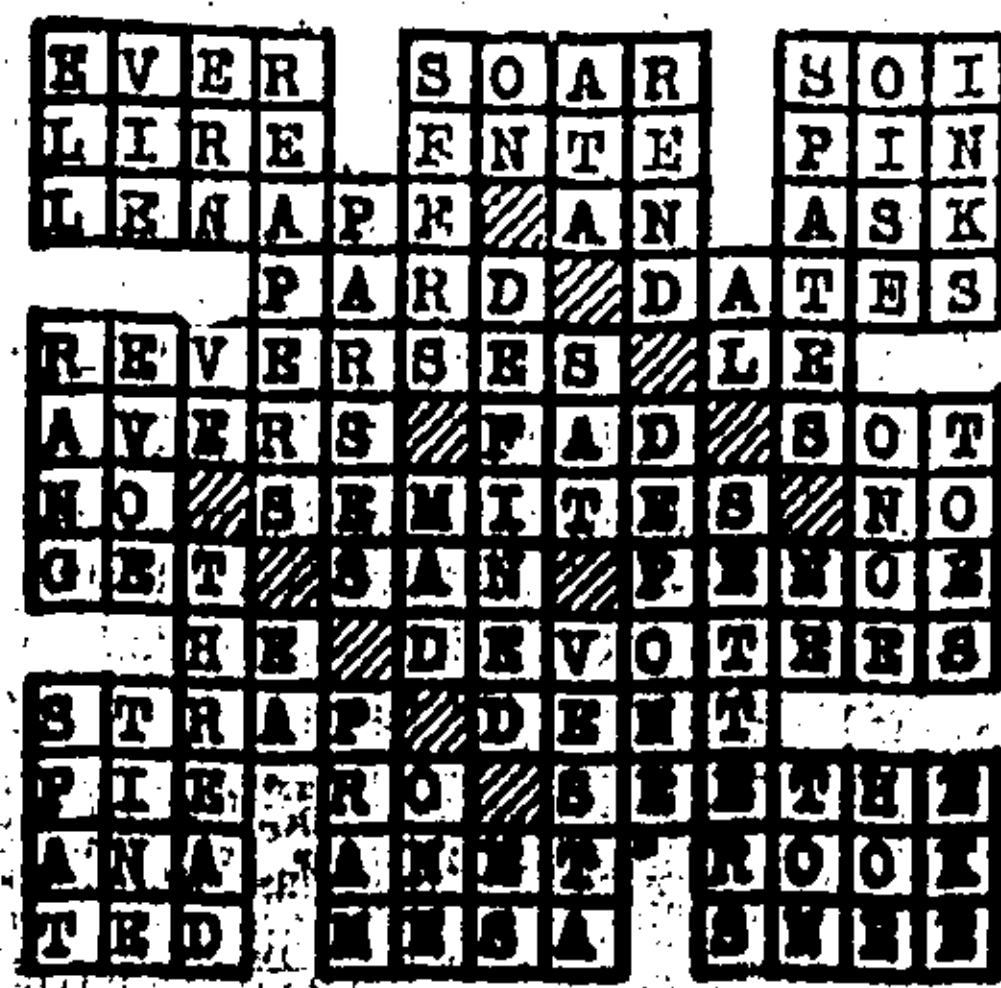
VERTICAL

- 1 Bluebeard's last wife
- 2 Indefinite article
- 3 Small flap
- 4 Man's name
- 5 Woolly
- 6 Supporting timbers

7 Dregs

- 8 Conjunction
- 9 Preposition
- 10 Warning
- 11 Underground cavities
- 13 Short letters
- 16 Payable
- 19 Locate
- 21 Curl of hair
- 23 Ventures upon
- 25 Hardship
- 27 Female ruff
- 29 Fondle
- 32 Stores
- 33 Crescent-shaped
- 34 Downpour
- 35 Exhibited
- 36 Becomes available
- 37 Staid
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- 43 Inlet
- 44 Mother of Apollo
- 47 Canine
- 48 To knock
- 51 Sun god
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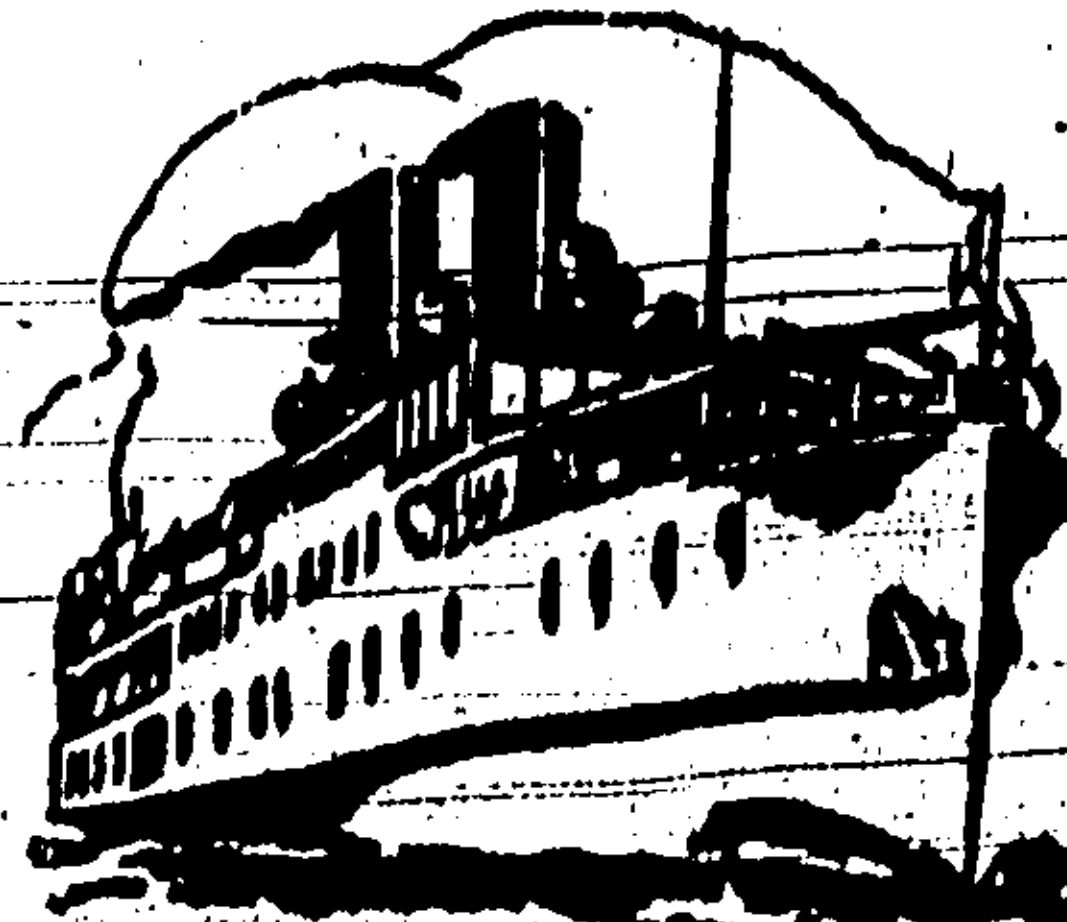
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U-BOAT HALTS LINER

Passengers of the American steamer Wacosta, halted with a shot across her bows by a German U-boat, were lined up on the decks and threatened with revolvers.

Reason for the German action was to search the Wacosta for alleged contraband. Officers who carried out the search made angry remarks about England.

This was reported when the ship reached New York.

One of the passengers, Lucille Marton, said: "The submarine fired over the bows when we didn't understand its signals."

"The captain and members of the crew, all carrying pistols, boarded the Wacosta and insisted upon all the passengers being lined up on deck."

SLAPPED REVOLVERS

"When some passengers tried to photograph German sailors they slapped their revolvers menacingly."

"After searching the ship they saluted and returned to the submarine."

Her funnel belching clouds of smoke as the stokers worked furiously to supply extra steam pressure to the engines, a British steamer raced a U-Boat which tried to capture her—and won.

The story was told when the vessel reached a British port.

The chief officer saw the U-Boat come to the surface about 4,000

"8,000 NAZI 'PLANES'"

Germany has 8,000 front-line 'planes, according to M. Charles Faroux, French authority on aviation. Writing in the "Auto" he says: "Since January the Reich has manufactured between 10,000 and 11,000 aeroplane engines."

"Allowing for losses in Poland, breakages and replacements, we should reckon on Germany having 8,000 front-line 'planes, of which at least half are bombers."

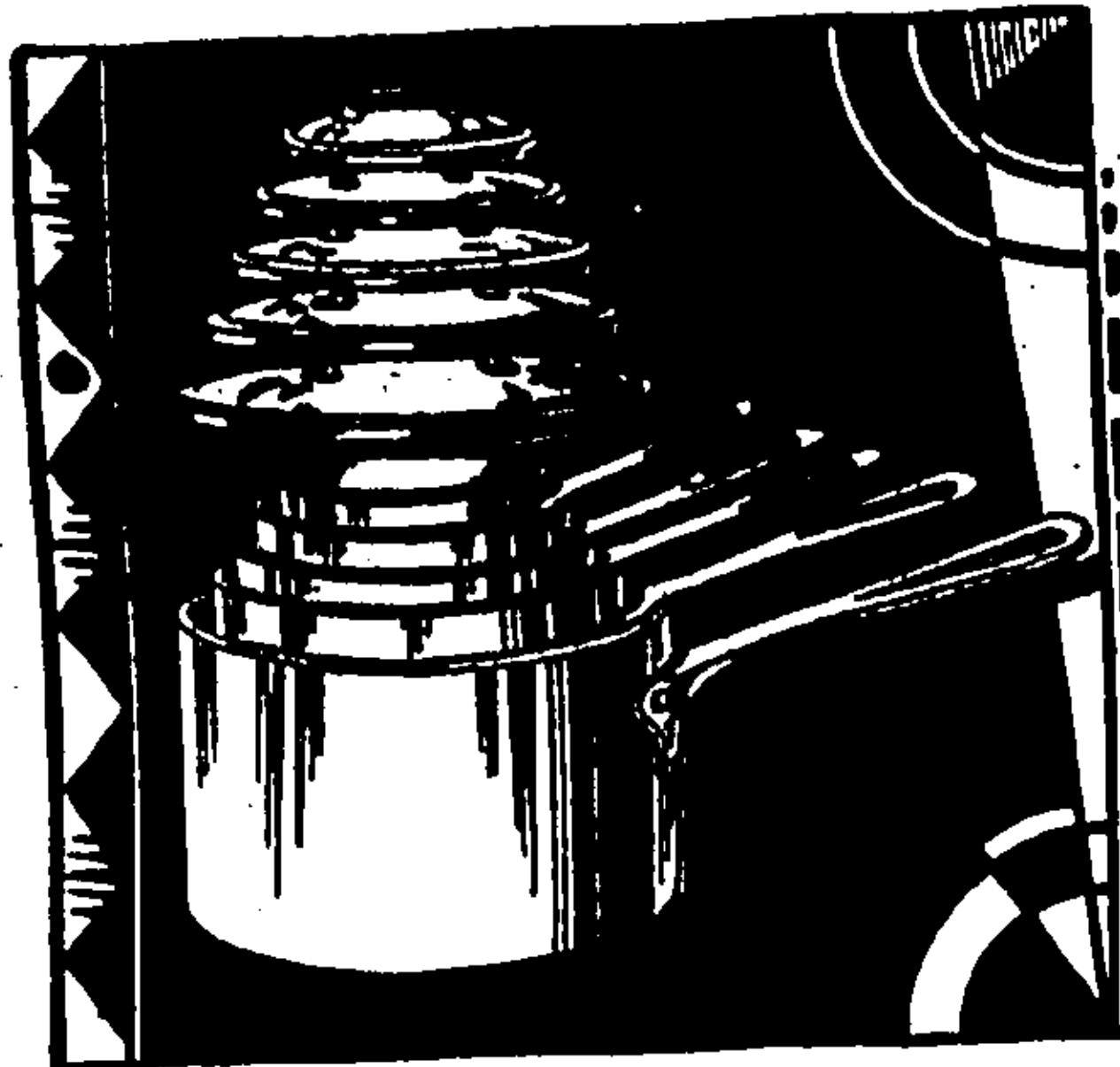
STEAMERS SUNK IN AIR RAID

Shiuhing, To-day.

Shipping between Samfow on the West River and Macao has been suspended as a result of the destruction of steamers during a Japanese air raid on Saturday.—Central News.

yards away and gave the alarm. The captain altered course to bring the submarine well on the quarter and managed to draw ahead to about 6,000 yards.

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The control room has a large staff of telephonists and runners. The fire-fighting squad has been trained by an ex-superintendent of the London Fire Brigade. The complete anti-gas cleansing station includes baths.

Harvey Nichols: On an alarm, saleswomen will invite their customers to accompany them to a heavily protected basement. There, in well-lit, ventilated surroundings, they can rest in easy chairs.

The refuge is under the centre of the new part of the building. A permanent watch is maintained by wardens on every floor. On the roof there is a 24-hours service of firemen.

REFUGE UNDER CAR PARK

Marshall and Snelgrove: The refuge is under the car park. It is specially reinforced and prepared in accordance with Home Office regulations. Shoppers will be taken down by members of the staff. Fire squads are always on duty throughout the store and there is a first aid post.

Peter Robinson: The building is a very strong structure of steel and concrete. Customers can go to two large basements, which are lofty, airy and well ventilated.

Whiteley: All over the store indicators direct customers to safety. Accompanied by members of the staff, shoppers will be accommodated in basement shelters. The personnel provides its own large and fully-trained A.R.P. service of all kinds.

Civil Service Supply Association: A lower basement extending towards the Strand from Chandos-street along Agar-street, has been converted into an air-raid shelter. The Agar-street building is an eight-storey structure of steel and concrete, and has been sectioned in accordance with A.R.P. regulations.

LOCAL SHARES

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations to-day:

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Hong Kong Bank \$1315 b., \$1325 sa.
Bank of East Asia \$70 b.
PUBLIC UTILITIES
H.K. Tramways \$18 s.
Yaumati Ferries \$22½ b.
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MISCELLANEOUS
H.K. Govt. 3½% Loan \$79½ s.
MANILA SHARES
Antamoks Ps. .13 sa.
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Ipo Gold Ps. .12 sa.
Itogons Ps. .21 sa.
Mambulao Ps. .03 sa.
Masbates Ps. .07¼ sa.
Mind. Mother Lode Ps. .07½ sa.
Mine Operation Ps. .08¼ sa.
North Camarines Ps. .13 b.
Paracale Gumaus Ps. .16 b.
San Mauricio Ps. .73 sa.
Surigao Consol. Ps. .15 b.
Suyoc Consol. Ps. .11½ b.
United Paracales Ps. .27½ sa.

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL

COMMITTEE ELECTED

A meeting of the Women's League was held yesterday at the Brook Club. Mr. R. L. Idefonso was re-elected chairman.

An advisory board of three, comprising "Dock" Molthen, Roy Lau and R. L. Idefonso was also elected, while three representatives, Mrs. J. Lee, Mrs. M. Read and Miss Irene Pereira, were co-opted to the Softball League.

The following teams have entered.—Wildcats, Wahoos, Hong Kong Ball Club, Recrelo, Pirates, Cardinals, Canadian Chinese, Panthers and Clubs. The League will start on Saturday November 12.

CLUB CRICKET TEAMS

The following will represent Hong Kong Cricket Club on Saturday.

1st XI v. Royal Navy (Home).
T. A. Pearce (Capt.), D. de S. Carey, J. H. Fox, T. V. N. Fortescue, J. L. Ilesley, Capt. J. F. Lawrence, D. McLellan, J. L. C. Pearce, A. E. Perry, J. E. Richardson, L. T. Ride.

2nd XI v. C.B.S. (Away).
E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.), H. J. Armstrong, C. W. E. Bishop, G. P. Charlton, A. T. Dow, J. Hackney, H. J. D. Lowe, R. S. W. Paterson, D. O. Parsons, J. E. Potter, D. S. Robb.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM SAILS

The Hong Kong Girls' Basketball Team sailed to-day for Manila to fulfil a programme of matches arranged between the Hong Kong Basketball League and the P.A.A.F.

The team is under the management of Mr. Aw Hoe, son of the Singapore Philanthropist Mr. Aw Boon-haw, and trainer Chung Chi-keung. The tour will last a fortnight.

C.C.C. TEAM

The following have been selected to represent Craigengower Cricket Club on Saturday, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

First XI (v. University, at home):—E. Zimmern (Capt.), P. J. Billimoria, A. R. H. Esmail, W. Hong Sing, A. J. Hulce, A. K. Ismail, G. Ladd, A. T. Lee, A. M. Omar, G. Souza and J. L. Youngsaye.
Second XI (v. Police, away):—B. R. Irancee, N. Broadbridge, A. H. Esmail, U. H. Esmail, A. Hung, C. W. Lam, G. A. Lee, J. W. Leonard, T. Lock, W. K. Way and G. Winch.

Members of Kowloon Cricket Club who have signified their intention of attending the physical culture classes at the club, are reminded that the first class will take place at 9 o'clock this evening.



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TO-DAY'S STRANGE STORY OF REAL PEOPLE

NO. 77—WOLFE TONE—
SUICIDE OR MURDER
VICTIM?

BY JOEL C. MATHEWS

"For the cause I feel prouder in my chains than if I were decorated with the Star and Garter of England."

Thus spoke the Irish rebel, Theobald Wolfe Tone, when arrested for treason against Great Britain.

Tone was born in Dublin in 1763 and was the son of a coach-maker. While at Trinity College, he planned a career in the Army. But before graduation he fell in love with Matilda Witherington, a beautiful Irish girl of 16, carried her off, married her and then awoke to the fact that he must immediately make a living befitting her station. The easiest calling to present itself was the law, and he became a barrister, but soon finding this vocation uncongenial, he went into politics.

He was soon fired with ambition to free Ireland, which was just recovering from three generations of warfare. He founded the Society of United Irishmen, and sought foreign assistance for his adventure. Thus in 1795, when England and France were at war, he intrigued with France to land an armed force on the Irish coast. It was his plan to form an Irish republic by armed rebellion, but the scheme fell through and he allowed to exile himself in America with the understanding that he would keep faith with the mother country.

In the spring of 1795 he took up his residence in Philadelphia, but did not approve of America. He complained that it was no more truly democratic and no less under the thumb of authority than the Irish. He called George Washington a "high-flying aristocrat" and branded the aristocracy of money in America as more powerful than the aristocracy of birth in Europe. So he put off for Paris, where he renewed his conspiracy to effect a French invasion of Ireland. With the hope that such a commission would protect him from the penalty of treason should he be taken by the English, he obtained the rank of adjutant general of the French army and accompanied a number of French expeditions and raids upon the Irish coast. In one of these his brother Matthew was captured, being later hanged for treason.

The last raiding party which Wolfe Tone accompanied was being pounced upon by the British fleet when he was offered escape in a French frigate, but he bravely refused to desert his comrades and was taken prisoner while still wearing the uniform of a French adjutant general. Not until two weeks later was he recognised. When brought to Dublin to be tried for treason he made a manly speech avowing his determination "by fair and open warfare" to procure the separation of Ireland from England and pleading by virtue of his status as a French officer the right to die by the musket instead of by the rope. But he was sentenced to be hanged.

The sentence threatened inter-



Wolfe Tone Awaiting The Hangman.

national complications. France let it be known that if her adjutant general were hanged she would exact reprisal by hanging two British prisoners of equal rank — which prisoners she had in her possession, as England and France were still at war. Furthermore, it was argued in

Tone's behalf that inasmuch as he was not a British soldier his trial by court martial was irregular and that its regularity could only be argued on the ground that he was a French soldier, for soldier of some kind he must be in order to be tried by military instead of civil tribunal.

While the British government faced this entanglement the news was given to the world that Wolfe Tone had solved the knotty problem by cutting his own throat with a pen-knife. His hanging had been scheduled for November 12th, 1798, and his alleged suicidal attempt was committed on November 11th. Although he lived eight days after supposedly inflicting a fatal wound upon himself, the sentence was never carried out.

What really happened has always been a mystery. There has been a suspicion that the hanging was avoided in order to save the necks of the two British generals whom France in fulfillment of her threat would have hanged had Tone's execution taken place. Throughout Ireland there was prevalent the belief that Tone was stabbed in his cell by another hand than his own to avert France's threat. As it was strictly against the law and prison regulations for a condemned prisoner to have a knife in his possession, the supposition has been that even if Tone did commit suicide he did so with the connivance of the authorities. One story was that his throat was cut not with a knife but with a silver sixpence which he had sharpened upon a stone slab in his cell.

The real circumstances of his death will ever remain one of the mysteries of Irish history.

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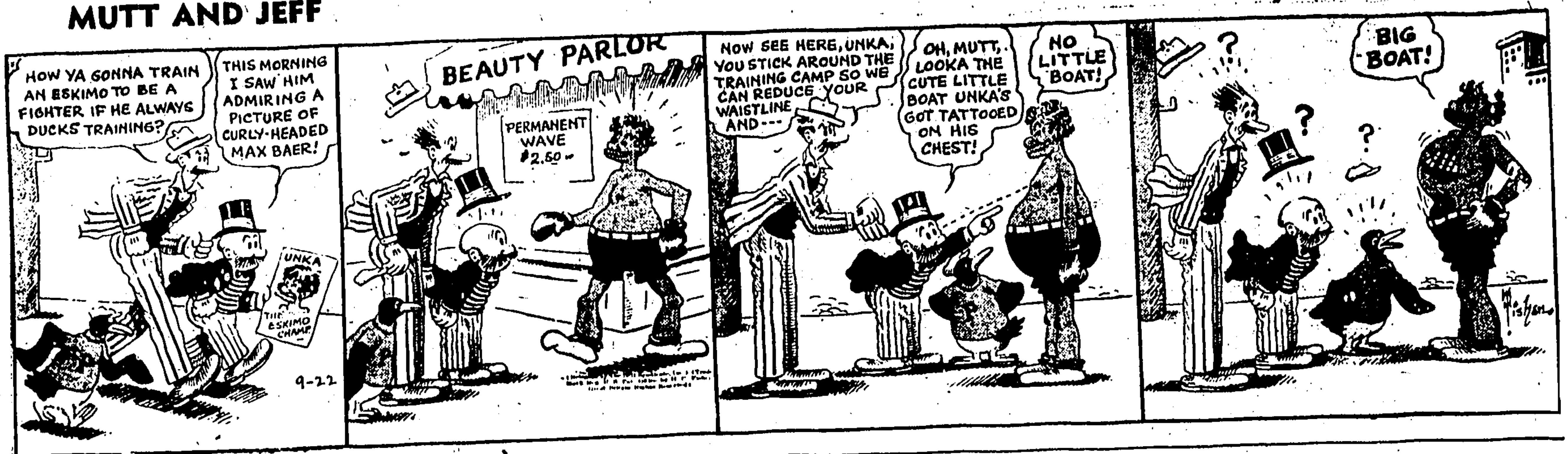
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The mentally sketchy girl-friend thinks when her beau talks about the cats in the office the place must be overrun with mice.

MUTT AND JEFF

Brahms
Liebeslieder
Quartet

12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.
12.30 p.m.—Dance Music.
Fox-Trot—Maybe It's The Spring
...Ambrose & His Orchestra.
Tangos—Responso Malevo; Re-Fa-Si
...Juan De Dios Filiberto & His
Orchestra Portena.
Fox-Trots—Smile When You Say
Goodbye (film 'The Show Goes
On'); In A Little French Casino
...Jay Wilbur & His Band.
Waltzes—Raisins and Almonds; Re-
hearsing A Lullaby... Phil Green
& His Rhythm.
Fox-Trots—Sweet Lellani (from
'Waikiki Wedding'); The Merry-
Go-Round Broke Down... Billy
Cotton & His Band.
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and
Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Herbert E. Groh (Tenor)
and Marcel Palotti (Organ).

To-day's Wireless

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Musica Proibita (Gastaldon); La
Danza (Rossini)... Marcel Pa-
lotti (Organ).
Frasquita—Serenade (Lehar &
Others); There Once Lived (Waltz
song from Operette 'In the Realm
of Undra'—Lincke & Others)...
Herbert E. Groh (Tenor) with
Orchestra.
Magic Chimes—Intermezzo (Rust);
Whispering Of The Flowers
(Blon)... Marcel Palotti (Organ)
with Hawaiian Guitar.
Gasparone (Millocker)... Duet:
Margarete Slezak (Soprano) and
Herbert E. Groh (Tenor) with
Orchestra.

Feramos—Dance of the Brides of
Kashmir (Rubinstein); Sylvia Bal-
let—Fantasy (Delibes)... Marcel
Palotti (Organ).
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press,
Weather Forecast and Announce-
ments.
1.45 p.m.—De Groot & His Orchestra.
"Gipsy Love"—Selection (Lehar)...
De Groot & His Orchestra.
Ay, Ay, Ay, ("Guyana"—Perez,
Freire); Standchen (Strauss)...
De Groot & The Piccadilly Orch.
"Les Millions D'Arlequin"—Seren-
ade (Drigo); Old Spanish Song
(Aubert)... De Groot & The Pic-
cadilly Orchestra.
"The Merry Widow"—Selection (Le-
har)... De Groot & His Orch.
Desert Song—Waltz ('The Desert
Song'—Romberg); Evensong
(Easthope Martin)... De Groot &
The Piccadilly Orchestra.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.00 p.m.—Dance Music.
Fox-Trots—Who? Romping... Fran-
kie Newton & Orchestra.
Tangos—Lamentol; Land of Magic
... Heinz Huppertz & His Orch.
Fox-Trot—At The Balalaika; Waltz
—Delyse... Jack Hylton & His
Orchestra.
Fox-Trot—Moon Over Miami... Roy
Smeck & His Serenaders.
Waltz—Song of the Islands... The
Moana Serenaders.
Slow Fox-Trots—Little Gypsy Of
The Seven Seas; To Mother With
Love... The Organ, The Dance
Band and Me.
Tango Fox-Trot—Sorrento By The
Sea; Waltz—When You're Only
Seventeen... New Mayfair Dance
Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—The Touch of Your Lips
... Roy Fox & His Orchestra.
6.43 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quota-
tions.

6.45 p.m.—An Hour of Popular Classics
compared from the Studio.
7.45 p.m.—Kilenny (Piano) playing
Chopin.
Grand Studies, Op. 10: Etude No. 5
in G Flat Major ("Black Key");
Etude No. 6 in E Flat Minor; Etude
No. 8 in F Major; Etude No. 4 in
C Sharp Minor; Etude No. 3 in
E Major.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather
Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Mendelssohn—"A Mid-
summer Night's Dream"—Overture.
Berlin State Opera Orchestra con-
ducted by Dr. Leo Blech.

"West
End
Cabaret"

8.15 p.m.—Studio—Brahms—Liebeslie-
der Waltzes. Quartet: Eva Turner
(Soprano); Helen Lockhart (Con-
tralto); Gaston D'Aquino (Tenor)
and Victor Sanders (Baritone). At
the Piano: J. R. M. Smith and E.
O'Neill Shaw.
8.50 p.m.—Berlin State Opera Orches-
tra. "The Operaball"—Overture
(Heuberger).
9.05 p.m.—Studio—Comments on Re-
cent Events.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.30 p.m.—Dance Numbers by Duke
Ellington & His Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—Sump'n 'Bout Rhythm;
I'm Satisfied; Admiration.
9.40 p.m.—B.B.C. Recording—"West
End Cabaret". With Effie Atherton;
May, June and Julie; The Mystery
Singer; Ord Hamilton and his 20th
Century Band and Others Interrup-
tions by Leonard Henry as the
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11.00 p.m.—Close down.

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by means of a brilliant end-play.

South, Dealer
North-South vulnerable
Oswald Jacoby
♠ K 4
♥ Q 9 8 6 2
♦ J 7 2
♣ K 9 7
♠ A Q J 3
♥ —
♦ K 8 5 3
♣ A J 10 6
2

♠ 10 7 2
♥ A K J 10 4 3
♦ A Q
♣ Q 4
Howard Schenken

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♥	Dbl.	3♥	Pass
4♥	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♥	Dbl.	Pass	Pass
Pass			

West opened the Ace of spades and
continued with the three-spot. Dum-
my's King held the trick. After two
trumps leads Mr.
Schenken now trumped
his one remaining
spade in dummy, re-
turned to his own
hand with a third
trump and played the
four of clubs. West
ducked and dummy's
King held the trick.
Mr. Schenken now ran
down all his trumps, his last three
cards being the Ace-Queen of dia-
monds and the Queen of clubs. West

who was completely squeezed, chose
to hold the Ace-Jack of clubs and the
King of diamonds. Now Mr. Schen-
ken simply banged the Ace of dia-
monds, dropping the King, and made
his contract.

Had West discarded to his singleton
Ace of clubs, Mr. Schenken would
have thrown him in and forced him
to lead up to the Ace-Queen of dia-
monds.

Yesterday you were Howard Schen-
ken's partner. The opponents were
vulnerable and you held:

♠ A x
♥ A x
♦ x x x
♣ Q J x x x

The bidding:

Jacoby	Schenken	Burnstone	You
1♠	Pass	Pass	(?)

ANSWER: Your correct bid is to
pass. You have a good hand but your
principal strength is in clubs and if
you double, your partner will surely
take it out.

Score 100% for pass, 0 for any other
bid.

QUESTION NO. 245
To-day you are David Bruce Burn-
stone's partner and hold:

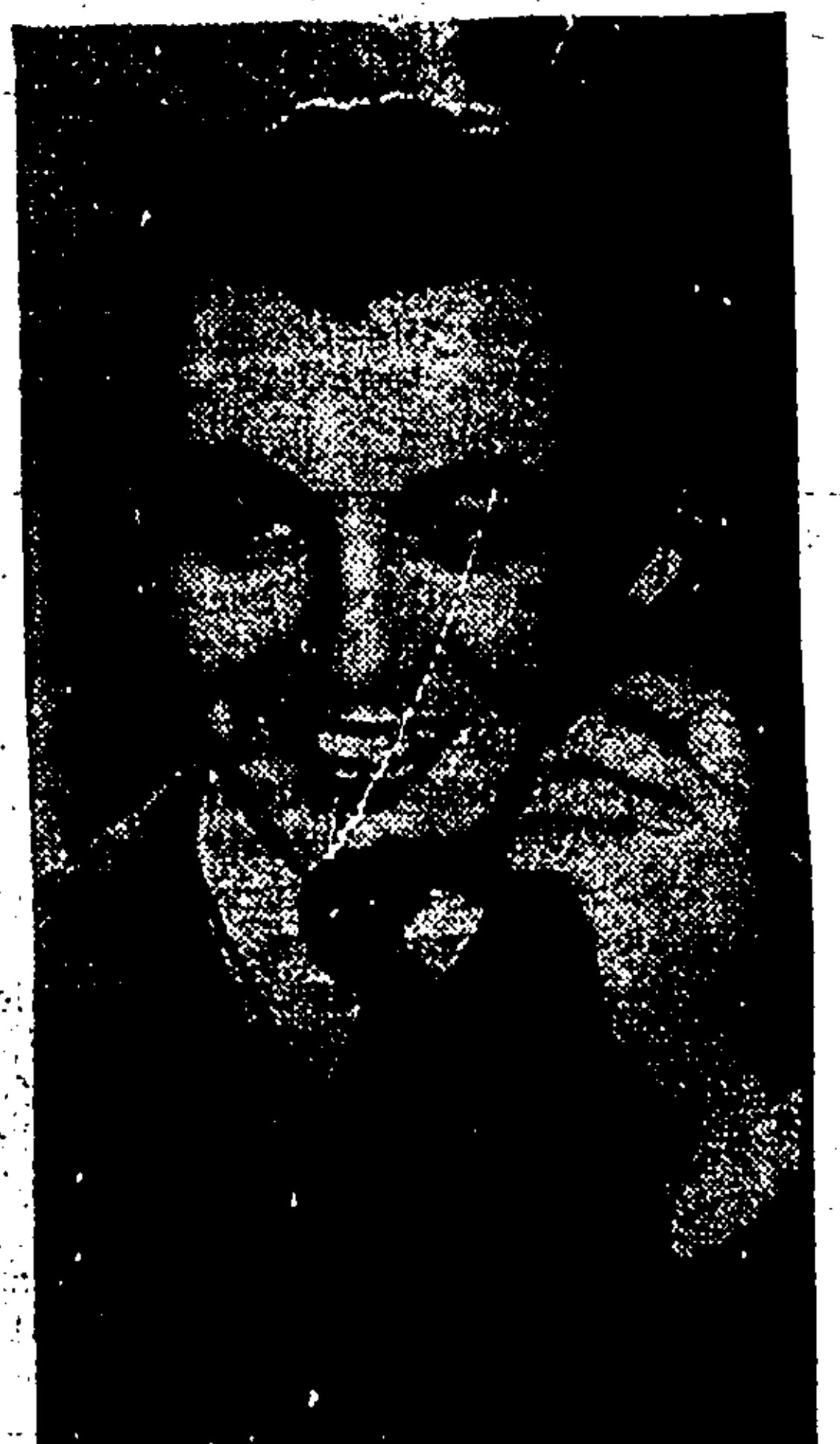
♠ K 9 7
♥ K 6 5
♦ 9 6 4
♣ 10 8 7 5

The bidding:

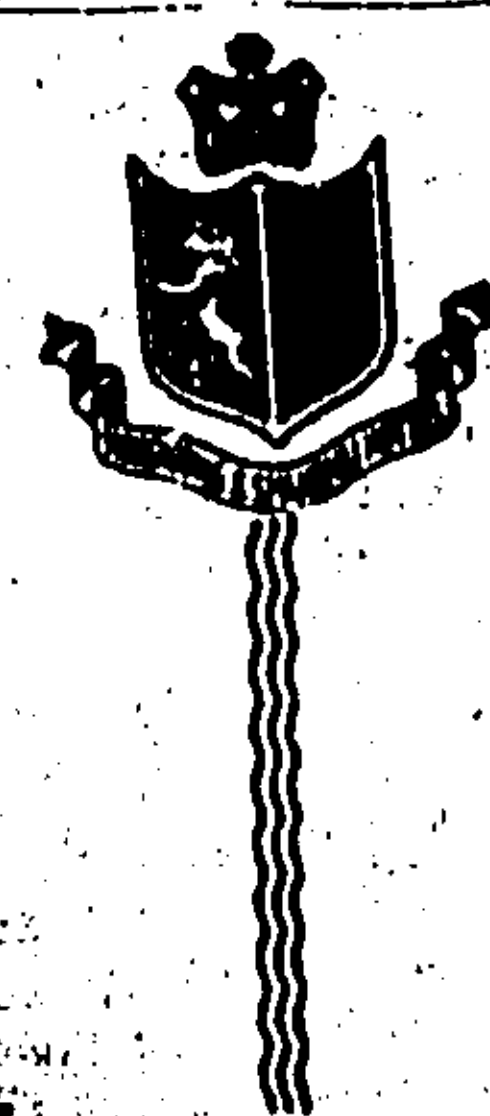
Burnstone	Schenken	You	Maier
1♠	Pass	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer
tomorrow.)

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SOFTBALL NOTES

HONG KONG BALL CLUB SUPERIOR TO RECREIO "B"

Filipino Club Beaten But Show A Fine Spirit

SPORTS PARADE

THE Volunteer cricket team made an inauspicious start to their cricket season on Sunday when they were badly beaten by an Army eleven at Sookunpoo.

Although, to use a hackneyed sports term, there is no disgrace in being defeated, I do feel that on this occasion the Volunteers might have put out a stronger team especially as Army paid them the compliment of turning out just about the most powerful side they could field.

I can always sympathise with anyone responsible for getting players together for any sort of a team game, but surely there should not be that difficulty in connection with Volunteer cricket now that practically all the civilian players in the Colony are members of the Corps.

From my experience of these Sunday games, which the Corps pioneered, such enjoyment is derived from them that even inevitable Sunday counter-attractions rarely prove attractive enough to the cricketer who likes his cricket of the country house variety.

It may be argued by whoever is responsible for selecting the side, that it is desirable that as many members of the Corps as possible be given games. Agreed—but surely in the opening game of the season against a powerful side, little enjoyment is going to be derived by either the opposition or by members of the Corps team, in a debacle such as Sunday's.

A few more efforts like this and I very much fear that the man in charge of Corps cricket will not be able to get sides together at all, and there will inevitably be difficulty in getting fixtures with teams like Army in future seasons.

THIS is not really within the province of this column but I have been able to gather a few facts about the Volunteer-Army game on Sunday.

Capt. Grose, by his display, has confirmed all the predictions of the experts. His innings was described as magnificent, especially impressive being his defensive strokes—made with the foot well in the line of the ball and no daylight showing between the bat and the pad!

In addition he gave a classic exhibition of wicket-keeping, his taking of Hatfield's fast stuff on the leg-side being very reminiscent of G. S. Dunkley, the former Colony Interporter.

Denyer was another man who distinguished himself for Army. He kept a very accurate length and whipped them back sharply from the off to take 7 for 16. Hatfield was just fast up and down and was never dangerous.

For Corps, E. M. L. Soares, the rotund left-hander from Club de Recreio, was the only batsman able to play the Army attack. He played some nice strokes with an immaculately straight blade which greatly impressed spectators. He has a bright future before him as a cricketer if his keenness is maintained and he tightens up his fielding a bit!

Included in the Volunteer side were several "cricketers" who by their own confession neither batted nor bowled!

C.R.C. have succeeded, after two extensions, in securing sufficient entries for the Colony Mixed Doubles Tournament. There are several fine couples in the list and although there will not be many games before the final is reached, there should be some good tussles of a high standard.

Best of the bunch appear to be Tsui

H.K. BASEBALL CLUB LODGE PROTEST

(By "GRANDSTAND")

A LARGE CROWD turned out to witness the Hong Kong Ball Club—Recreio "B" tussle on Sunday. The Club-ers brought their own rooters to help them win the game.

Displaying more power with the willow wand and playing better ball, Hong Kong Ball Club registered their second win of the season by trouncing the high-touted Recreio "B", 7-2.

The game was featured by no strike outs by either pitcher. Jackie Noronha, who toed the rubber for the Junior Race gave Terry Leonard free transportation to first for the only Annie Oakley of the game.

Hong Kong's softball bruisers connected for 10 safe hits while the Rumples pumped seven safeties off Frankie Gonzales, the Ball Club southpaw flinger. Recreio "B" committed three bobbles, H.K. Ball Club two.

The Club-ers went down in 1-2-3 order in the first frame. Recreio in their turn to bat broke the ice with one marker. Al Alvares, the Recreio first sacker, with two away singled to bring in a run.

GOOD RECOVERY

Hong Kong Ball Club came back strong in the second frame to score three runs on four well placed blows and an error. Dave Leonard flied to left field for the first out. Stan Leonard followed with a single. Husian flied to left field for the second erasure. Terry Leonard rapped the first pitch to score brother Stan. Hal "Babyface" Wingless drove Terry in with another single. Frankie Gonzales came through with a bingle to rightfield to score Wingless. George Souza flied to centre field to retire a long inning.

Hong Kong Ball Club added one more tally in the third when Dave belted a homer, the ball going over J. Fonseca's head at left field.

Three more runs in the sixth on the same number of hits put the game on ice for Hongkong Ball Club.

Recreio's other run came in the second canto, J. Fonseca crossing the plate on Toto Parta's two-bagger and a sacrifice by Jackie Noronha.

The Filipino Club squad suffered another defeat. This time Victoria Recreation Club ran all around the Southern boys to give them a 16 to 2 licking.

There is one thing that can be said about the Filipino Club Team; win or lose they are always trying their best—playing for all they are worth.

Wai-pui and Miss Yeung, W. C. Hung and Mrs. E. Lo-litton, and Lee Wai-tong and Mrs. Chiu. I have never seen the Col. Smith, partnering Miss Griffiths, play, but if he is any good at all, this pair might have a say in the final as Miss Griffiths is a steady and seasoned player.

Don't be surprised also, if T. J. Gould and Mrs. L. R. Andrewes create a few upsets!

I am very glad that it has not been found necessary to abandon the project.

INCIDENTALLY Lee Wai-tong and Mrs. Chiu are to be congratulated on their success in the Mixed Doubles American tournament on Sunday. The affair was a huge success both financially and from the point of view of a good social day. Possibly similar tournaments, say once a month, might be held on the same lines, but for a change of scenery, the major clubs in the Colony might take it in turns to stage them.

The game would have been a shut out had it not been for their grit. Both Filipino runs came in the last frame. After a hard try to rally, Dave Bautista romped home and with bases loaded Censio Castro was forced home for the second marker.

TWO MEASLY SINGLES

Silva-Netto on the mound for V.R.C. was not as steady as he was last week. He only struck out three and walked four.

Enoc Loyola again pitched the whole way for the Filipinos was nicked for 14 hits, while his team-mates only connected for two measly singles. Filipino miscued eighth times, V. R. C. five.

Marcus Gaan cracked a double for the longest hit of the game but battling honours went to Bimby Ablong, V.R.C. keystone man, with three hits out of four trips to the plate.

In a game marred by a protest and an accident Hong Kong Baseball Club, as customary, lost another game. Canadian Chinese did not have much trouble in lowering the boom on the Walkermen. The final count was 12-4.

Denham Cray, pitching his first league game, showed real form on the mound, striking out ten Hong Kongites and yielding only four hits.

Hong Kong Baseball Club were leading one-nil till the third inning. In this frame the "Canucks" scored five runs after Doc Molthen, on the slab for H.K.B.C., lost control of the ball to allow a single, one walk, three wild pitches and a homer by Bill Woo who brought in two runs ahead of him.

Before Bill Woo clouted the homer. Dave Walker, manager of Hongkong Baseball Club, protested the game after plate umpire Roy Lau allowed a base runner from third base to score on an alleged dead ball.

This is what happened:

Bases loaded and Bill Woo at bat. Woo was hit by a pitched ball which deflected and hit the embankment. The ump either called it a passed ball or considered the ball still in play and allowed the runner on third to score.

THE RULE

It might be of interest to quote here rule 22—(1) entitled DEAD ball. "If a pitched ball touches any part of the batsman's person or clothing while the batsman is standing in his position whether the ball is struck at or not."

Anyway the game went on and the "Maple Leafs" rallied again in the fifth with seven more runs to clinch the game.

G. G. Lee took batting honours with three hits out of four times to bat, but his good stickwork was offset by an error he made at centre-field, when he missed a fly Red Bell's bat, and allowed three runs to come in.

"Talk-it-up" Stagg, a newcomer to the Walkermen, made a good showing behind the plate.

Canadian Chinese made 10 hits while H.K.B.C. only garnered four safeties off Cray. Errors: H.K.B.C. 3, C.C.C. 1.

Besides Bill Woo, Luke Bunn and George White were the big threats for the Canadian Chinese. Bunn tripled while White doubled.

The accident happened in the

SCORES AT A GLANCE

MEN'S		
H.B. Club	7	Recreio "B" 2
V.R.C.	16	Filipino Club 2
Canadians	12	H.K. Baseball Club 4
Liga Portuguesa	6	Forum 4
Chung Hwa	11	C.B.A. 1
GIRLS'		
Recreio	9	Wildcats 6

early part of the game. Thompson fractured his collar bone when Kassa Nazarin collided with him at third base.

Kenneth Wong, skipper of the English Forum aggregation, must have been the most down-hearted person at King's Park on Sunday on witnessing his team receive a 6-4 spanking at the hands of Liga Portuguesa, a new entry to the League.

The game went two extra innings before the issue could be decided.

Eddie "Daddy" Souza started on the mound for Liga but was yanked in the fourth in favour of America "Half-pint" Lopes.

The score was knotted three all when Lopes took over hillock assignment and held the Forumers to one run for six innings.

LIGA OUTHIT

Bill Quon went the full route for Forum. He struck out four and walked four. Forum out-hit Liga 7-4 but Liga got the breaks, helped by four Forum errors. Johnny Lee's two errors in the ninth inning cost Forum the game. In this frame, with score still tied 4-4, Liga came to bat.

Francisco Neves was walked, Luis Rocha sacrificed a grounder to the pitcher to advance Neves to second. Jose Remedios connected for his second safe hit of the day. At the crack of Remedios' bat Neves started for home and would have been out at the platter if Johnny Lee had held the throw from Shortstop Kitchell.

Trying to catch Remedios at third, Lee made a wild throw to the hot corner and Remedios scored. Lopes and Tony Gill were easy outs to retire the inning.

Forum taking last bat had two base runners in scoring position but the Liga boys tightened their belts to blank the opposition and end a corking game.

In the nightcap Chung Hwa accounted for Central British Association 11-1, hands down.

Most of the time Chung Hwa played a bunting game to the bewilderment of the C.B.A. infielders.

Only highlight of the game was Wally Ching's circuit clout in the fifth inning. Chung Hwa pinned Rusty Fedoseyeff's ears back for eight solid blows while the Britishers only touched the Chung Hwa pitchers for two bingles.

C.B.A.'s sole tally came in the first frame. "Smudge" Smith reached first on all and negotiated second on a bobble by Earl Wong. Smith scored on Joe Higgins' sacrifice grounder to second base.

Chung Hwa scored three runs in the first inning and a really in the fifth netted them eight more markers. Tommy Mar, Chung Hwa's right-fielders, came into the limelight with his spectacular catches at the cabbage patch.

ANA NORONHA'S PITCHING

In a friendly match, Recreio Girls downed the Wildcats 9-6. Ana Noronha's steady pitching was instrumental in holding down the latter.

Lilly Mar pitched erratic ball for the losers issuing 12 free passes to first, and allowing the Portuguese to nick her for 11 hits.

On the field Wildcats played better ball, erring once to the Rec's five. Dingdong Lopez and Mrs. Chiu were

THE defeat of Middlesex in the Hong Kong Football League on Saturday by Royal Scots came as a great shock to football followers. Hardly anyone expected the Scots to come out with a point let alone both of them, and I think the Royals' supporters were as surprised as anyone at the fine form shown by their team.

I am not going to attempt to explain the Scots' form as I believe it is just that they are beginning to settle down and will in due course show even better form than they did on Saturday. Their forwards need tightening up and must not be deluded into placing too much reliance on the undoubted speed of Hossack. In this game the whole side pulled their weight and the performance was something to be proud of.

As for Middlesex, I was rather baffled as to the reason that their good approach work did not get goals. Admittedly the fine play of the Scots' defence had a lot to do with it, but this does not altogether explain the position. The playing of Bright as a centre-forward was obviously a big mistake. Bright, who is without doubt a really good centre-half is much too slow and cumbersome for a centre-forward. Parker who filled Bright's usual position at centre-half did quite well but I doubt whether he is actually an improvement. It seems to me, Middlesex are

K.C.C. FINALISTS

J. H. S. Duncan and Mrs. Smeby (-3.6) entered the Final Round of Kowloon Cricket Club's annual mixed doubles tennis tournament yesterday when they beat Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Burnett (-30.3), winners of this event for the past three years, by 6-3, 6-3. Playing a much steadier brand of tennis the winners fully deserved their success.

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

(By "SQUADRY")

In the position of having two good centre-halves and do not want to drop either of them.

With Wilkinson and Freshwater showing good form there is no chance of moving Parker to one of the wing half positions and bringing Bright back.

R. Thomas did not seem too happy at inside-right and I noticed that most of his shots were from his left foot. Judging by his performances when playing at outside-left last year in one or two H.K.F.A. teams I should imagine he would be more at home in that position.

Marrable who played outside-left on Saturday is very unreliable and cannot be depended upon to play two games alike. I have seen him play some really good games and then a week later go all to pieces and play like a novice. He did not get on at all well with Saw on Saturday and the latter did not get far with his dribbling against the quick tackling Scots defenders.

Cooper did much better than I expected at back and has improved a lot since last year. Sheehan was not at his best, but everyone knows he is usually much better than on this occasion.

This victory may make all the difference in the world to the Royals, and might quite possibly put them on the winning path for some time to come. It is wonderful what a victory will do to a side at times.

SEE the Medicals have brought out a Rugby side. They met 24th R.A. last week and secured a victory by a converted try to a try. Captain Scriven and Cpl. Han-

lan brought off a fine run for the former to score the Medicals' try which was well converted by Cpl. Leverington. Gunner Foster played a good game for R.A. at scrum-half, but was inclined to be a little impetuous at times. Lieut. Beauman and Bdr. Plummer also did well, playing in the front row. All

SERVICES RUGBY XV

The following Rugby team will represent United Services against Club on the Army ground, Sookunpoo, at 4.30 p.m. on Saturday next:—Pay. Lieut. Stevens. R.N.; Gunnr. Richards. 8th. H.R.A., L/Cpl. Walte. R.E., Tel. Paul. R.N. and Surg. Lt. Cockrane. R.N.; Lieut. Cdr. Clark. R.N. and Lieut. Lieut. Hewitt. Mdx. R. and L/Bdr. Evans. 5th. A.A.R.A.; Fl. Lieut. Taylor. R.N. and 2/Lt. Pinkerton. R.S.; Capt. Duke. R.S. Lieut. Ridsdale. Royal Norfolk Regt. and Lieut. Johns. R.N. Reserves:—L/Cpl. Boe. R.S. and Sergt. Burrell. Mdx. R.

Club will be faced with a formidable team, especially at forward and high scoring is anticipated.

told the Medicals should do well if they can get the necessary practice.

THE fine display given by Army, opposed to the H.K.V.D.C. on Sunday, augurs well for their chances when the Cricket League starts.

Captain Grose scored a sterling 62, and as often happens came out finally to a 'bump' ball.

With the ball Sgt. Denyer did exceedingly well, his final figures being seven for sixteen which is very good indeed in this class of cricket. Hatfield does not seem to be getting as many wickets this year as he did last.

BASEBALL AVERAGES

Baseball averages covering the League season just concluded, will appear in all editions of the "China Mail" to-morrow.

Club Team To-Morrow

A Club XV will play a Navy XV on the Club ground, Happy Valley, to-morrow, commencing at 5 p.m. The following have been chosen to represent Club:—

H. F. Hopkins; L. Lammert, H. D. Bidwell, R. M. Lavelle and H. van Leeuwen; A. H. R. Butcher (Captain) and F. Cessford; R. E. Hearn, F. Burford, E. W. Stout; R. M. M. King, J. Moodie; R. G. Castleton, L. A. Benn and P. F. Wanklyn.

AUSTRALIAN PONY OF PROMISE FOR SALE

A very graceful mover and, in the general opinion of those present at the morning gallops, one of the best of this year's importation of 1940 Australian Subscription ponies will be sold, together with other racing ponies, at the Public Auction at the Jockey Club Paddock this afternoon at 5.15 p.m.

This pony, a chesnut mare, 4 years old, 14 hands 2 inches in height and sired by Black Adder, was drawn recently by Mr. Andrew Johnstone, son of Mr. J. Johnstone, one of the outstanding personalities on the race track for many years.

It is understood that Mr. Johnstone is not returning to the Colony and the purchaser, if a member, will be entitled to race the pony at the 1940 Annual Race Meeting as an Australian subscription pony.

In 1935 Mount Pilatus, the only other pony by the same sire ever imported, won two races and was twice placed in eight starts, after which it did not race again.

Another pony to be auctioned is Perfect Day, which, with Mr. S. W. Tang up, won the St. Kilda Handicap (8 furlongs) by a length from Twilight Star on April 22 this year to pay \$113.50.

Coronation Day and Flybyday are two China ponies up for auction, though it is expected that there will be others to be auctioned.

MISS MARR'S FINE DISPLAY

It is learned that the projected hockey game between ladies' teams representing the Island and Mainland, has been abandoned owing to the fact that the organisers are not affiliated to the Hockey Association.

The trial game arranged for yesterday in order to select a Mainland side was consequently played as a friendly.

It was disappointing in every aspect. There were not two teams and owing to a late start and the poor light only a few minutes' play in each half was possible.

It was difficult to form any sort of an opinion of the players in such a short knock-up but Miss Marr, on the right wing, caught the eye with some fine runs and tricky stickwork.

Other players to shine were Miss Everest, Miss Woolley, Mrs. Willmot and Miss G. White. The forwards never had time to get together.

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Mainland	1670
Taiwan	1670

LIAISON OF ALLIED FORCES

Paris, To-day.

The British M.P.'s who have been visiting the Maginot Line, state that they are all agreed that the working arrangements between the British and French forces are much smoother than they were in 1914.

They did not visit the British lines, but they met a number of British officers who are acting as liaison officers. The morale of the French troops, they said, is magnificent.

In a joint communique issued after they met the French Deputies at M. Herriot's tea, it was stated that the M. P.s of both countries had established complete identity of views and faith in the victory of the Allies over German Imperialism. Further meetings will be arranged in the future.—Reuter.

ALGERIAN HERO NOT IDENTIFIED

London, To-day.

The Royal Air Force is still trying to trace the identity of an Algerian soldier of the French Army, who with great gallantry rescued a British pilot in No Man's Land on the Rhine-Moselle front.

The British pilot was dazed and suffering from burns.

The Algerian went out under fire and brought him back to safety.—Reuter.

HUGE AWARD IN GREAT WAR CASE

New York, To-day.

The German-American Mixed Claims Commission yesterday announced the award of £10,000,000 to American and Canadian claimants for losses in connection with the Black Tom and Kingsland, N.J., munitions explosions of 1916.

This award is made in spite of emphatic protests from the German Government.

Many lost their lives or were injured in the explosions. The United States Government recently submitted to the Commission new evidence linking the sabotage with members of the German Imperial Government.—Reuter.

EMBEZZLED FUNDS

After absence from the Colony for a month, Wong Kit-tsui, 20, stall foki, was yesterday arrested and charged before Mr. E. Himsforth this morning with embezzlement of \$104.15 from Wong Kau, 49, mistress of a stall in Hunghom Market.

Accused stated that he gave the money to a friend, who he had not since seen.

Sergeant Whitley said accused collected the money on behalf of his mistress from various customers.

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Brussels, To-day.

The atmosphere in Berlin is described as "heavy" owing to the Pope's encyclical, President Roosevelt's "Navy Day" message and the U.S. Senate's arms embargo decision.

Meanwhile, new petrol and oil rationing is being enforced in Germany from to-morrow.

Berlin newspapers are sharply criticising the United States, declaring that Washington scarcely attempts to disguise its partiality for the Allies.—Reuter.

East London, To-day.

Captain Harris, Master of the steamer Clement, stated definitely that the Clement was sunk by the pocket battleship Admiral von Scheer, according to an East London mate who recently met Captain Harris at St. Vincent.

He said that Harris declared that he and the Chief Engineer were taken on board the raider, where they could read the poorly-disguised name on the stern.

Harris told him that he was invited onto the bridge of the Admiral von Scheer, where he watched the Clement being sunk by shell-fire, after two torpedoes had missed it.

Subsequently, Harris and the engineer were transferred to a Greek ship.—Reuter.

Copenhagen, To-day.

The newspapers report that the City of Flint, American ship seized by the Deutschland and taken to Murmansk, reached Tromsø at noon yesterday, flying the Swastika flag.

The German prize crew, as well as the American crew, is aboard the liner.

The vessel sailed in the afternoon, being escorted out of harbour and Norwegian territorial waters by Norwegian warships.—Reuter.

Paris, To-day.
Increased activity on the Western Front coincided with an improvement in the weather.

Artillery action at numerous points between the Moselle and the Rhine was begun, with the object of enticing the enemy to reply—thus enabling reconnaissance planes to locate enemy gun positions.

After the Allied planes have been earthbound for a relatively long spell, the Command is doubtless anxious to send up as many as possible to keep pilots in trim and accustom many who have not yet been under fire to operating in war conditions.

Enemy planes are also very active, and the Allied chaser planes have plenty to do the whole day long.

The Command is overjoyed at being able to exploit the better weather, for concentrations of the greatest strategic importance are taking place on the left bank of the Rhine.

Hence, it may be assumed that the French and British planes reaped a rich harvest of information.—Reuter.

London, To-day.

The aeronautical correspondent of "The Times" says that the possibility that the recent reconnaissance flights and lightweight bombing raids on Britain were designed to test the defences in preparation for mass attacks is being considered.

Although the use of great numbers of machines would increase the problems of defence, it would also increase the problems of attack.

There is the question of whether to approach the objective as one large formation or to converge from different directions.

As regards the former, it is almost impossible to achieve the desired accumulation; except in very good visibility such a group would be extremely unwieldy and fighters could whittle away the fringes of such a formation without much risk to themselves.

If it was intended to converge in a large number of smaller formations, the problem of timing is a delicate one. But converging formations is the method most generally favoured.

Mass attacks seem the only way left to the Germans if they wish to penetrate the defences and do real damage.—Reuter.

The Medical Department's weekly return show that in the seven days ended on Saturday midnight there were five new cases of cholera, one imported, five of diphtheria, six of typhoid, three of meningitis, 58 of dysentery and 115 of tuberculosis. Deaths in the same period included six from cholera, six from typhoid and fourteen from dysentery.

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